

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*35
ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ANDHRA PRADESH

*35. SHRI T.G. VENKATESH:

Will the Minister of **TOURISM** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government is contemplating development of tourism in the State of Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the places identified for this purpose;
- (c) whether any proposals have been received from the State Government to this effect, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether these tourism projects are being taken up solely by the Central Government or on cost sharing basis and the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*35 ANSWERED ON 25.06.2019 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ANDHRA PRADESH.

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism, under the schemes viz., Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) and "Integrated Development of Theme Based Tourist Circuit in the Country, Swadesh Darshan (SD)" provides Central Financial Assistance for infrastructure development and beautification of tourist spots on receipt of suitable DPRs submitted by State Governments/Union Territories, subject to availability of funds, liquidation of pending utilisation certificate against the fund released earlier and adherence to the relevant scheme guidelines. These schemes are funded solely by the Central Government without any cost share from the State Government. Based on the project proposals received from Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the following projects:

- i. "Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination" approved under PRASHAD Scheme in 2015-16 at the cost of Rs.28.36 Crore. The amount Rs.22.69 Crore has been released so far.
- ii. "Development of Srisailem Temple" approved under PRASHAD Scheme in 2017-18 at the cost of Rs.47.45 Crore. The amount Rs.37.96 Crore has been released so far.
- iii. "Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal and Eco Tourism Circuit" approved under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2014-15 at the cost of Rs.67.84 Crore. The amount Rs.64.44 Crore has been released so far.
- iv. "Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore" approved under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2015-16 at the cost of Rs.59.70 Crore. The amount Rs.47.76 Crore has been released so far.
- v. "Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda-Amravati-Anupu" approved under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in 2017-18 at the cost of Rs.52.34 Crore. The amount 10.47 Crore has been released so far.
- vi. "Construction of Cruise-cum-Coastal Cargo Terminal at Chaneelbirth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port" approved in 2018-19 under the scheme 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' at the cost of Rs.38.50 Crore. The amount Rs.19.25 Crore has been released so far.
- vii. "Sound and Light Show at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh" approved in 2017-18 under the scheme 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' at the cost of Rs.7.09 Crore. The amount Rs.3.54 Crore has been released so far.
