

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4575  
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

**DEVELOPMENT OF HOPE ISLAND IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**4575. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA VISWANATH:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to develop Hope Island in Kakinada, East Godavari district in Andhra Pradesh, Konaseema Circuit and Akhand Godavari under PRASAD scheme, Coastal tourism development circuits in Nellore District, setting up of restaurants with 7, 5 & 3 star hotels around Polavaram Projects to attract tourists;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and present status of each project in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (c) the funds released/spent on each said project in Andhra Pradesh; and**
- (d) the reasons for snail's pace of work on the Hope Island Circuit in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (d): The Ministry of Tourism, under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for development of thematic tourist circuits in the country, with the objective of improving connectivity and infrastructure of tourism destinations to enrich overall tourist experience, enhance livelihood and employment opportunities and to attract domestic as well as foreign tourists to the destinations.**

**The projects for development are identified in consultation with the State Governments/UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to submission of project proposals, their adherence to**

relevant scheme guidelines, submission of suitable detailed project reports, availability of funds and utilization of funds released earlier. Based on the above, the Ministry has sanctioned the following projects to the State of Andhra Pradesh –

(Rs. in crore)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Circuit/ Sanction Year</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amt. Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amt. Released</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit (2014-15)</b>	<b>Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal &amp; Eco Tourism Circuit</b>	<b>67.84</b>	<b>64.44</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit (2015-16)</b>	<b>Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore</b>	<b>59.70</b>	<b>47.76</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit (2017-18)</b>	<b>Development of Shalihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda-Amravati- Anupu</b>	<b>52.34</b>	<b>10.47</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>179.88</b>	<b>122.67</b>

The components sanctioned under the projects include Buddhist Cultural Centre, Water Front Promenade, SEL/Laser shows, Water Fountain, Approach Roads, Tourist Facilitation/Reception/Interpretation/Amenities Centres, Seating Plazas and Lounges, Solar Lighting, Jetties, Information signages, Illumination, CCTV surveillance equipment and WiFi facilities etc. among other basic tourist amenities like Drinking water kiosks, Public conveniences etc.

All the above projects are at various stages of implementation/completion. The project “Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit” sanctioned in the year 2014-15 has attained physical completion and the last installment of funds will be released after monitoring Operation & Maintenance of the site for one year.

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