

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3200**  
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2021

**DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST CIRCUIT**

3200. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY:

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

- (a) whether development of Buddhist Circuit Salihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda in Visakhapatnam district and Amaravati-Anupu in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh was approved in 2017-18 under PRASAD Scheme and ₹52 crores was also sanctioned for this purpose by Government;
- (b) if so, the details of the circuit;
- (c) when the State Government had submitted project proposal and what action Government has taken thereon;
- (d) whether Government sought any further clarification on final DPR;
- (e) if so, details of queries and response of the State Government thereon; and
- (f) by when the project is going to be completed?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (f): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project 'Development of Shalihundam – Thotlakonda – Bavikonda – Bojjanakonda – Amravati - Anupu' under Buddhist Circuit theme of 'Swadesh Darshan' scheme in the year 2017-18 for a total amount of Rs.52.34 crore and has released Rs. 26.17 crore to the implementing agency. The revised detailed project report was submitted on 01.07.2017 and the project was sanctioned on 25.09.2017. The components sanctioned under the project are at various stages of implementation.

The major components of the project includes Tourist Amenity Center, Parking Facilities, Cultural Center, Open Air Theatre, Landscaping, Monument Lighting, CCTV, WiFi etc.

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