

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.624
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INCLUSION OF KOLAR AND CHIKBALLAPUR IN TOURIST CIRCUIT

624. SHRI S. MUNISWAMY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a scope for including the places of historical importance from the Districts of Kolar and Chikballapur as a tourist circuit;**
- (b) whether the Government recognize places like Kolaramma temple, Antargange, Avni village, Kotlingeshwara temple, Bangaru Tirupati, Lord Someshwara Temple and other places as places of historical and tourist destined places;**
- (c) whether there is any proposal to start a tourist circuit by clubbing the important destinations of both the districts of Kolar and Chikballapur in Karnataka; and**
- (d) whether the Government has sanctioned any funds in these two districts and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) & (b): Development of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to State Governments/UT Administrations etc. for development of tourism infrastructure in the country and the projects are sanctioned in consultation with the State Government/UT Administrations subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc. The Ministry of Tourism under its scheme of 'Domestic Promotion and Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH)' promotes tourism destinations of the country holistically including those located in Karnataka.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Tourism has now revamped its Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD 2.0) in order to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country with tourist & destination centric approach. The Ministry has identified Hampi and Mysuru for development under SD2.0.
