

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION No.\*273  
ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023**

**PROJECTS SELECTED UNDER PRASAD SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**\*273.SHRI MARGANI BHARAT:**

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

- (a) the details of the projects selected under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) Scheme in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) the status of completion of these projects;**
- (c) the details of the funds released so far for these projects;**
- (d) whether the Government has received any proposal from the Andhra Pradesh Government for inclusion of new projects under the scheme; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in response to such proposals?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

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

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**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.\*273 ANSWERED ON 20.03.2023 REGARDING PROJECTS SELECTED UNDER PRASAD SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH.**

**(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism has approved three projects under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh details of which are as given below : -**

<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Approved cost (Rs. in Crore)</b>	<b>Amount Released (Rs. in Crore)</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>27.77</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Development of Srisailam Temple</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.08</b>	<b>43.08</b>	<b>Complete</b>
<b>Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>54.04</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>Project approved on 14.12.2022</b>

**(d) & (e): Development of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration (UTA), however, the Ministry of Tourism provides Financial Assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure in the country under its ongoing PRASHAD scheme. Submission of proposals and sanctioning of projects under**

**the scheme is a continuous process which is done in consultation with the respective State Government/UTA and is subject to availability of funds, receipt of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines, performance of ongoing projects and utilization of funds released earlier etc.**

**Based on the above, this Ministry has received two project proposals viz. 'Development of Sri Veera Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy Temple', Annavaram, Kakinada District and 'Development of Vedagiri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple', Nellore District from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh under PRASHAD Scheme.**

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