

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.143
ANSWERED ON 20.07.2023

PILGRIMAGE AMENITIES AT SIMHACHALAM, A.P

143 SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

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

- (a) whether Government has approved development of pilgrimage amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narasimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details of amount sanctioned, amount released and utilized so far; and
- (c) by when the developmental works are going to be over?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism in December 2022 has approved a project "Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh" under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme at an estimated cost of Rs. 5404.00 lakh (Rupees fifty-four crore and four lakh only). The release of funds for the projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD scheme is subject to submission of tender documents, submission of required utilisation certificates and physical progress of the interventions etc. No fund has been released for this project so far.
