

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1751**  
ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023

**DETAILS OF PRASHAD SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

1751 Shri G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

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

- (a) the sanctioned proposals under the Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the detailed list of activities or sub-projects for the development of pilgrimage amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam;
- (c) the total sanctioned budget and whether entire amount is borne by the Central Government;
- (d) the budget by individual item for Simhachalam temple;
- (e) the amount released so far and the amount utilised so far by item or each project component;
- (f) the timeframe for the completion of the project and delays so far; and
- (g) the reasons for delays?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a): Ministry of Tourism has approved 3 projects including a project at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam, Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam; under its 100% funded Central Sector Scheme 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) in the State of Andhra Pradesh, the details of which are given at Annexure-I.

(b) to (g): The project at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam was approved by this Ministry on 14.12.2022 at an estimated cost of Rs.54.04 Crore. The implementation of the project is to be done by the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation. The release of first instalment of funds is subject to completion of tendering process by the implementing agency. The execution time of the project is 24 months after approval. The details of the approved components of this project is placed at Annexure-II.

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**ANNEXURE-I**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1751 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023 REGARDING DETAILS OF PRASHAD SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH.**

Details of projects sanction under PRASHAD Scheme in Andhra Pradesh

(In Rs. crore)

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>	<b>Physical Progress %</b>	<b>Amount Utilized</b>
1.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	27.77	27.77	100%	27.77
2.	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	100%	43.08
3.	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	2022-23	54.04	0.00	0%	0.00

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**ANNEXURE-II**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) TO (g) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1751 ANSWERED ON 03.08.2023 REGARDING DETAILS OF PRASHAD SCHEME IN ANDHRA PRADESH.**

The details of individual item for Simhachalam Project is given below: -

S. No.	Components	Unit	Qntty	Rate (₹)	Amount (₹ Lakhs)
<b>A</b>	<b>Development of Simhachalam Foothills with all components/buildings to have credit to PRASHAD scheme and Ministry of Tourism</b>				
<b>A1</b>	<b>Pilgrimage Facilitation Halls at Old Pushkarni Choultry area</b>				
A1.1	<b>Pilgrimage Facilitation Halls at Old Pushkarni Choultry area - two floors 500 sqm per floor (Two blocks)</b>	sqm	2000	<b>23,468</b>	<b>469.37</b>
i	RCC Structure	sqm	2000	8,625	172.49
ii	Architectural Finishes	sqm	2000	11,231	224.63
iii	MEP (Electrial+Plumbing Services)	sqm	2000	3,612	72.25
A1.2	Landscaping (Fruit bearing Trees, Flowering Plants, Lawns and Bushes)	sqm	837	1,085	<b>9.08</b>
	<b>Subtotal of A1</b>				<b>478.45</b>
<b>A2</b>	<b>New Ghat Road Entrance - 4 acre site</b>				
A2.1	Site Infra Development With 315 R.mt of Storm Water Drain (Site Clearance, Earth Works, RCC Components, compound wall, storm water drain, plumbing works, etc)	sqm	16188	524	84.88
A2.2	<b>Entrance Foyer/Basic amenities building (Ground Floor, toilets, drinking water, etc.)</b>		304	30,513	<b>92.76</b>
i	RCC Structure	Sqm	304	7,613	23.14
ii	Architectural Finishes (Including CP & Sanitary)	Sqm	304	14,548	44.23
iii	MEP (Electrial+Plumbing Services)	Sqm	304	8,352	25.39
A2.3	Bus parking area (20 buses space, pavers, etc)	sqm	1200	2,964	35.57
A2.4	<b>Bus Shelter Stop with 4 bus bays</b>				<b>59.39</b>
i	Bus Shelter structure	sqm	300	8,745	26.23
ii	Electrical Charging Points (EV Charging Stations - for buses and private vehicles)	Nos	2	16,58,000	33.16
A2.5	<b>Cultural Haat with focus on "Vocal for Local"</b>				<b>172.99</b>
i	Food court/ Cafeteria RCC Structure, MEP works with Sump and Septic Tank	sqm	230	35,121	80.75
ii	Vendor Shops/ Artifacts <b>(Considering 6. No. of Shops, cost including rolling shutters)</b>	sqm	104	24,187	25.11

iii	Cement Concrete Road	sqm	1737	2,277	39.54
iv	Bituminous Road	Sqm	770	3,584	27.58
A2.6	Four and Two Wheeler Parking Pavers for parking area and Tiles for pathway	Sqm	2030	2,421	49.13
A2.7	<b>Site landscape (soft &amp; hard - landscaping, lighting, benches, Irrigation, Signages)</b>	acres	4	12,76,368	<b>51.05</b>
i	Soft & Hard Landscaping (Lawns, Trees, Flowering Plants and Bushes) with drains	sqm	2830		
ii	Benches - Steel/Iron	Nos	20		
iii	Lighting	Nos	20		
	<b>Subtotal of A2</b>				<b>545.78</b>
<b>A3</b>	<b>Ghat Road - old entrance to uphill</b>				
A3.1	<b>View Points &amp; Parking with Watchtowers - toranas, display of temple related stories</b>				<b>93.84</b>
i	Parking - Paver Blocks	sqm	480	3,540	16.99
ii	View-Points: Gazebos	Nos	8	3,48,100	27.85
iii	Toranas	Nos	4	12,00,000	48.00
iv	Lighting	Nos	10	10,045	1.00
A3.2	High Mast Lights	Nos	3	3,12,000	9.36
A3.3	Street Lights (Ornate Lamp post)	Nos	50	36,580	18.29
A3.4	Directional Signages	Nos	10	23,820	2.38
A3.5	Beautification and Landscaping	sqm	2000	2,342	<b>46.85</b>
i	Soft & Hard Landscaping (Lawns, Trees, Flowering Plants and Bushes) with drains	sqm	2000	1,825	43.07
ii	Lighting	Nos	20	10,045	2.01
iii	Benches - Steel/Iron	Nos	20	8,850	1.77
A3.6	<b>Steps upgradation (1200 steps-old entrance to hilltop) along with entrance features; intermittent shaded portion</b>				<b>183.31</b>
i	Steps	sqm	2550	6,715	171.23
ii	Drinking Water Points/Water ATMs	Nos	3	2,18,300	6.55
iii	Dust Bins - Stainless Steel ( Dry & Wet Waste Segregate)	Nos	10	2,950	0.30
iv	Shaded Portions on Steps	sqm	30	11,800	3.54
v	Amenities block (one at foothill and one mid-way point)	sqm	23	7,500	1.69
	<b>Subtotal of A3</b>				<b>354.03</b>
	<b>Total of A</b>				<b>1,378.26</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Development of Temple Complex with all components/buildings to have credit of PRASHAD scheme and Ministry of Tourism</b>				
<b>B1</b>	<b>Temple Amenities and Infrastructure with Amphitheatre</b>				
B1.1	Temple complex illumination with programmable LED (RGBA) - convertible & monochromatic	Nos	250	72,00,000	72.00

B1.2	Pedestrian Entry Square - Soft & Hardscaping	sqm	500	3,540	17.70
<b>B1.3</b>	<b>Steps up to Waiting Queue Complex (development of steps + Ornate Lamp post)</b>				<b>54.37</b>
i	Development of steps	sqm	400	10,849	43.39
ii	Ornate Lamp Posts	No	30	36,580	10.97
B1.4	Brass Grills - Temple Inner Queues	R.m	1000	6,219	62.19
B1.5	South Wall extension for security purposes	R.m	30	1,12,743	33.82
B1.6	RCC Changing Rooms at Gangadhara, each of size 1.5 m x 1.5 m (10 Nos)	sqm	23	6,937	1.60
B1.7	Landscaping - Hard and Soft - 2 parks in front of Main Gopuram (With Lawns, Trees, Flowering Plants and Bushes)	sqm	4000	2,473	98.92
B1.8	Dust-bins/Solid waste collection (Stainless Steel - Dry & Wet Waste Segregate)	Nos	40	2,950	1.18
B1.9	Drinking water points/Water ATMs	Nos	5	2,18,300	10.92
B1.10	VIP Parking Pavers for parking area and Tiles for pathway	Sqm	2884	1,993	57.47
B1.11	Yagyashaala: NE corner of temple (with Granite Stone craved pillars)	sqm	50	1,18,000	59.00
B1.12	Elevators - 1 new elevator x 15 persons	Nos	1	16,00,000	16.00
B1.13	Elevators - Upgrading existing one - Façade/material changes	Nos	1	4,13,000	4.13
B1.14	<b>Kitchen Mechanisation</b>				<b>83.48</b>
i	Rice Cauldron MOC SS304 500 Litre, 3 layered, motorized tilting excluding electrical panel	Nos	2	4,00,000	8.00
ii	Rice Dispensing Chute with Dispensing Accessories	Nos	2	6,30,000	12.60
iii	1200 Litre Dal Cauldron MOC SS304, 3 layered including electrical panel	Nos	2	5,50,000	11.00
iv	1200 Litre Dal Dispensing system	Nos	2	7,40,000	14.80
v	Rice silo 15 cubic meter capacity with loadcells, loading and unloading arrangements	Nos	1	14,35,000	14.35
vi	Dal silo 15 cubic meter capacity with loadcells, loading and unloading arrangements	Nos	1	19,18,000	19.18
vii	Wet Grinder	Nos	2	25,000	0.50
viii	Vegetable Cutter	Nos	2	10,000	0.20
ix	Cutting Table	Nos	2	5,000	0.10
x	Potato Peeler	Nos	2	10,000	0.20
xi	Vegetable Washing Tanks Set	Nos	1	5,000	0.05
xii	Miscellaneous Tools, Equipment, Vessels	Nos	1	2,50,000	2.50
B1.15	Amphitheatre with a seating capacity of 500 people (Construction of steps with edge walls and granite cladding for seating purpose)	sqm	3500	5,646	197.60
	<b>Subtotal of B1</b>				<b>770.37</b>
<b>B2</b>	<b>Shuttle bus stop with 4 bus bays</b>				

B2.1	Shuttle Bus Stop with 4 bus bays (Arrival and welcome Feature) - steel structure	sqm	300	8,611	25.83
B2.2	Bus Bay Entrance Feature, Lightings, Seating Benches	No	1	3,66,700	3.67
B2.3	Electrical Charging Points (EV Charging Stations - for buses and private vehicles)	No	2	16,58,000	33.16
B2.4	Lighting arrangement at Bus Bay	No	4	10,045	0.40
B2.5	Seating benches at Bus Bay (Steel/Iron)	No	4	8,850	0.35
<b>Subtotal of B2</b>					<b>63.42</b>
<b>B3</b>	<b>Tourist Info Centre along with food court (G+1)</b>				
B3.1	RCC Structure + Architectural Finishes (Including CP & Sanitary)	sqm	300	35,499	106.50
B3.2	MEP (Electrial+Plumbing Services)	sqm	300	6,775	20.33
B3.3	Solar Power Plant - Captive Use (430 KWp on rooftop)	Nos	1	2,19,42,010	219.42
<b>Subtotal of B3</b>					<b>346.24</b>
<b>B4</b>	<b>Darshan waiting halls (G+1 floor) - for seating arrangement</b>				
B4.1a	Q Complex Building RCC Structure + Architectural Finishes	sqm	4050	19,178	776.70
B4.1b	Q Complex Building MEP (Electrial+Plumbing Services)	sqm	4050	1,211	49.05
<b>B4.2</b>	<b>Retaining Wall Structure</b>		195	1,75,657	<b>342.53</b>
i	East Face - Retaining Wall - 52m Length x 8m Height x 600mm thickness	R.m	52	-	-
ii	West Face - Retaining Wall - 143m Length x 4m Height x 300mm thickness	R.m	143	-	-
<b>Subtotal of B4</b>					<b>1,168.28</b>
<b>B5</b>	<b>Multi-purpose hall for pilgrims/religious functions with pilgrim amenities (lockers/cloak room, toilets) - G+1 - relocation</b>				
B5.1	RCC Structure + Architectural Finishes (Including CP & Sanitary)	sqm	2000	13,613	272.25
B5.2	Retaining Wall Structure	R.m	2000	3,202	64.04
B5.3	MEP (Electrial+Plumbing Services)	sqm	2000	3,225	64.50
<b>Subtotal of B5</b>					<b>400.80</b>
<b>B6</b>	<b>Retails shops replacement - multi-level shops along stages as per site conditions</b>				
B6.1	RCC Structure + Architectural Finishes (Including CP & Sanitary)	sqm	2566	19,918	511.10
B6.2	MEP (Electrial+Plumbing Services)	sqm	1280	4,035	51.65
<b>Subtotal of B6</b>					<b>562.75</b>
<b>B7</b>	<b>Cold storage room for storing vegetables and perishables</b>				

B7.1	RCC Structure, architectural finishes (Including CP & Sanitary)	sqm	200	36,051	72.10
B7.2	MEP (Electrical+Plumbing Services)	sqm	200	4,522	9.04
	<b>Subtotal of B7</b>				<b>81.15</b>
	<b>Total of B</b>				<b>3,393.00</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Pan Area Development</b>				
C1	14 seater electric mini vans with credit to PRASHAD scheme and Ministry of Tourism on the Vans	Nos	6	11,80,000	70.80
C2	Directional Signages (4'x4') with label of PRASHAD and Ministry of Tourism	Nos	15	23,820	3.57
C3	Destination Signages (10'x5') with label of PRASHAD and Ministry of Tourism	Nos	15	3,39,840	50.98
C4	Baggage Screening System	Nos	1	8,24,820	8.25
C5	Security systems - Door Frame Metal Detectors	Nos	12	48,380	5.81
C6	Digital interventions: Multimedia centre with AR Setup and Mobile Phone Application with credit to PRASHAD scheme and Ministry of Tourism	LS	1	2,36,00,000	236.00
	<b>Total of C</b>				<b>375.40</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Sub Total (A+B+C)</b>				<b>5,146.67</b>
	Consultancy Cost (Max 2% of Project Cost-D)				102.93
	Contingency (Max 3% of Project Cost -D)				154.40
<b>E</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>				<b>5404.00</b>

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