

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.*187
ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024**

THEME BASED TOURIST CIRCUIT

***187 SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Tourism Circuits selected by the Government in the State of Andhra Pradesh, with particular reference to the Kadapa District;**
- (b) whether the Government has decided to select these projects under Theme-based tourist circuits, if so, the number of tourist places identified for development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, in the State of Andhra Pradesh, especially in Kadapa District; and**
- (c) the details of the amount of financial assistance provided for each integrated tourist circuit, the funds released so far and the projects taken up and the status of those projects?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

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

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)' and 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive' (PRASHAD) complements the efforts of tourism infrastructure development by extending financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations including the State of Andhra Pradesh. The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 3 projects each under its Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD schemes in the State of Andhra Pradesh. Further, under its scheme of 'Assistance to Central Agencies', the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned 2 projects in Andhra Pradesh. The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies schemes are annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism has recently revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach. In consultation with the States/UTs and in line with the scheme guidelines, the Ministry has accordingly identified 57 destinations in the country for development under SD 2.0 including 'Gandikota' and 'Arakku-Lambasingi' in Andhra Pradesh and has sanctioned following projects/interventions in the financial year 2023-24 at Arakku-Lambasingi:

Destination	Project/Interventions Name	Cost (Amount in ₹ crore)	Physical Status
Arakku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.87	Under Implementation

The Ministry of Tourism has also issued guidelines for ‘Challenge Based Destination Development’ (CBDD), a sub-scheme under Swadesh Darshan 2.0, under which the Ministry of Tourism has identified 42 destinations for development in the country including ‘Nagarjuna Sagar’ and ‘Ahobilam Temple’ in Andhra Pradesh. The Ministry has further identified ‘Annaram, Kakinada District’ and ‘Vedagiri Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy Temple, Nellore District’ in Andhra Pradesh for development under PRASHAD scheme.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.*187 ANSWERED ON 05.08.2024 REGARDING THEME BASED TOURIST CIRCUIT RAISED BY SHRI Y S AVINASH REDDY.**

The list of the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan scheme in Andhra Pradesh is as under:-

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sl. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ Authorized	Physical Status
1	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally	67.83	67.83	Complete
2	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli	49.55	49.55	Complete
3	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24	30.03	Under implementation

The list of the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD scheme in Andhra Pradesh is as under:-

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sl. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Approved Cost	Amount Released	Physical Progress
1.	Development of Pilgrim Amenities at Amaravati	2015-16	27.77	27.77	Complete
2.	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	Complete
3.	Development of Pilgrimage Amenities at Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam	2022-23	54.04	13.69	Under implementation

List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development in Andhra Pradesh

(Amount in ₹ crore)

Sl. No.	Year	Name of Project	Agency	Amount sanctioned	Amount Released	Status
1.	2017-18	Sound and Light Show at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh	ITDC	7.08	3.53	Completed
2.	2018-19	Construction of Cruise Berth at Channel Berth in outer Harbour of patnam Port	Visakhapatnam Port Trust	38.50	29.91	Under Implementation
