

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3187
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025

PROMOTION OF HERITAGE, ECO, AND SPIRITUAL TOURISM IN TELANGANA

3187 SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY:

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

- (a) the initiatives taken to promote heritage, eco, and spiritual tourism in Telangana, particularly at Ramappa Temple, Yadadri, Basar Saraswathi Temple, along with progress made so far;
- (b) the details of the steps taken to develop integrated tourism circuits connecting key historical and cultural sites like Warangal Fort, Thousand Pillar Temple, Kaleshwaram;
- (c) the tourism projects in Telangana, including their timelines and expected socio-economic impact; and
- (d) the funds allocated and utilized for tourism infrastructure in Telangana under Central State schemes during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including heritage, eco and spiritual tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs by developing and promoting various tourism products of the country, including heritage, eco and spiritual tourism in Telangana through various schemes and initiatives.

The Ministry of Tourism under the PRASHAD Scheme, has sanctioned a project “Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple” at a cost of Rs.62.00 crore.

The Government of India under the guidelines for Special Assistance to States/Union Territories for Capital Investment (SASCI) for Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale has approved a project “Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa” at a cost of Rs.73.74 crore.

No proposal is under the consideration of the Ministry of Tourism to develop integrated tourism circuits connecting key historical and cultural sites like Warangal Fort, Thousand Pillar Temple, Kaleshwaram. However, the Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, has sanctioned various projects under different circuits, the details of which is given in the Annexure.

(c) to (d): The projects sanctioned under the above schemes are implemented by respective State Government/UT Administrations/Central agencies. Ministry of Tourism regularly monitors the

progress of project and also encourages respective State Government/UT Administrations/Central Agencies to complete the projects in a time bound manner.

Through its ongoing schemes, the Ministry of Tourism, aims to enhance the country's tourism landscape by adopting a holistic approach to infrastructure development, which, in turn, create employment opportunities and enhances local economy.

The details of the projects sanctioned in Telangana along with the funds allocated and utilized under Central Sector schemes of the Ministry of Tourism is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) & (c) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3187 ANSWERED ON 27.03.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF HERITAGE, ECO, AND SPIRITUAL TOURISM IN TELANGANA RAISED BY SHRI K.R. SURESH REDDY

Status of Funds Released and Utilized for the projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Telangana:

(All amounts in INR Crore)

S. no.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Cost	Funds Released in last 3 years and current year				Total Release	Amount utilized
				FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25 (till 21.03.2025)		
1	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	38.90	10.27	3.49	9.58	9.73	33.07	23.34
2	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	2022-23	62.00	-	-	12.82	19.91	32.73	12.65
3	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Bhadradri Kothagudem District	2022-23	41.38	-	-	8.43	0.00	8.43	2.12
Total			142.28	10.27	3.49	30.83	29.63	74.23	38.11

Status of Funds Released and Utilized for the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan in the State of Telangana:

(₹ Lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount released in last 3 years				Total Amount Released	Amount utilized
			FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25 (till 21.03.2025)		

1	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar District (Somasila – Singotam – Akka Mahadevi – Kadali Vanam –Uma Maheshwaram – Farahabad – Mallelatheertham – Srisailam) (2015-16)	9162.10	-	420.93	-	-	9124.93	9162.10
2	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram- Tadvai-Damaravi- Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls (2016-17)	7987.20	-	399.36	-	-	7987.20	7987.20
3	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb (2017-18)	9689.90	-	-	-	-	7061.02	9061.02

Status of Funds Released and Utilized for the projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 in the State of Telangana:

(₹ lakhs)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Year wise Amount released				Amount utilised
			Sn.	Instalment	Amount	Date	
1	Eco-Tourism Experience Ananthagiri	3800.60	1	First	380.06	15.01.2025	0.00

Status of Funds Released and Utilized for the projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) in the State of Telangana:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ lakhs)	Year wise Amount released				Amount utilised (₹ Lakhs)
			Sn.	Instalment	Amount (₹ Lakhs)	Date	
1	Development of digital experience centre at Bhuddhavanam, Nalgonda	2484.92	1	First	248.49	17.03.2025	0.00

2	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Nizam Sagar, Kamareddy	997.95	Sn.	Instalment	Amount (₹ Lakhs)	Date	0.00
			1	First	99.79	17.03.2025	

Status of Funds Released and Utilized for the projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) in the State of Telangana:

S. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (₹ Crore)	Year wise Amount released	Amount utilised (₹ Crore)
1	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74	Department of Expenditure has released 66% of the approved project cost amounting to ₹ 93.61 Crore in November 2024 for both the projects.	0.00
2	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat” in Nallamala	68.10		0.00

Status of Funds Released and Utilized for the projects sanctioned under Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development in the State of Telangana:

(All amounts in INR Crore)

S. no.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Cost	Total Release	Funds Released in last 3 years and current year				Total UC submitted
					FY 21-22	FY 22-23	FY 23-24	FY 24-25 (till 21.03.2025)	
1	Multimedia Laser Show with Water Screen and Musical Fountain at Sanjeevaiah Park	Oct'22	50	40.90	4.90	15.00	6.00	15.00	29.79
2	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Digital Multimedia Technology and Lightings at Osmania Arts University	Dec'22	11.8	9.43	5.90	3.53	-	-	9.26
3	Façade Illumination of Kacheguda Railway Station Heritage Building.	Jan'24	3.41	2.24	-	-	0.34	1.90	0.98
4	Hyderabad Railway Station	Feb'17	4.41	3.52	-	-	-	-	2.20
