

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1378  
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025**

**TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

**1378. SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:  
SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has identified specific sites in Prakasam and Konaseema districts of Andhra Pradesh for tourism development;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the nature of tourism being promoted at each location;**
- (c) whether any development or infrastructure projects sanctioned or under implementation for promoting tourism in the said districts and, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and released for these projects during the last five years and the current year;**
- (e) whether the Government is collaborating with the private stakeholders for the promotion of tourism in the said districts, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) the details of the steps taken/being taken to improve last-mile connectivity and promote homestays/local livelihoods in the said districts?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (f): Development and Promotion of tourist destinations and tourism products is primarily undertaken by the respective State Government/ Union Territory (UT) Administration. However, the Ministry of Tourism through its central sector schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan(SD)', Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)' – a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 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; subject to availability of funds, adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) by the State Government etc.**

**In addition, Government of India under its initiative for 'Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI)' has also provided financial assistance to the States for development of tourism projects. The projects sanctioned under the schemes include multiple components related to augmentation of tourism facilities and amenities including last mile connectivity.**

**The details of the projects sanctioned along-with funds allocated and released under Swadesh Darshan, SD2.0, PRASHAD, CBDD and SASCI scheme in the state of Andhra Pradesh is Annexed.**

**With the aim to promote tourism in tribal areas, the Ministry of Tourism has recently issued guidelines for 'Development of Homestays in Tribal Areas' along with template for formulation of proposal by State Governments and UT Administrations. The private players in the industry have launched various online portals or OTAs which also offer booking facilities, including booking of homestays.**

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**ANNEXURE****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1378 ANSWERED ON 28.07.2025 REGARDING TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN ANDHRA PRADESH RAISED BY SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY AND SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI****Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh:****(Amount in ₹Crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Circuit / Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>	<b>Amount Released / Authorized</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit 2014-15</b>	<b>Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi- Aduru- S Yanam- Kotipally</b>	<b>67.83</b>	<b>67.83</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu- Ramateertham- Iskapalli</b>	<b>49.55</b>	<b>49.55</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu</b>	<b>35.24</b>	<b>30.02</b>

**Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh:****(Amount in ₹Crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>	<b>Amount Authorized</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Bapatala</b>	<b>Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience</b>	<b>97.52</b>	<b>9.75</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>Araku- Lambasingi</b>	<b>Borra Cave Experience at Araku</b>	<b>29.87</b>	<b>2.99</b>

**Details of Project sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh:**

**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>	<b>Amount Authorized</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Ahobilam-A spiritual Odyssey</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>2.50</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at NagarjunaSagar</b>	<b>25.00</b>	<b>2.50</b>

**Details of Projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh:**

**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Enriching the fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota</b>	<b>77.91</b>	<b>113.75</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>Akhanda Godavari- (Havelok Bridge &amp; PushkarGhat) in Raja Mahendravaram,</b>	<b>94.44</b>	

**Details of Project sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh:**

**(Amount in ₹Crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1</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>2</b>	<b>Development of Srisailam Temple</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.08</b>	<b>43.08</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami VariDevasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>54.04</b>	<b>27.37</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town</b>	<b>2024-25</b>	<b>25.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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