

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3516
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DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM CIRCUIT UNDER SDS

3516. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tourism circuit comprising Kakinada, Hope Island, Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary, Passarlapudi, Aduru, S. Yanam and Kotipally has been identified under the Swadesh Darshan scheme;**
- (b) if so, the details of the projects sanctioned under this circuit, including development works undertaken, components sanctioned, timelines, names of implementing agencies and current status of the work;**
- (c) the details of total funds allocated, released and utilized for this project since inception, year-wise;**
- (d) the details of the measures undertaken to ensure community participation, promote local handicrafts, culture and cuisine as part of the tourism development plan;**
- (e) the details of the steps taken to ensure sustainable tourism and ecological safeguards, particularly in and around ecologically sensitive areas like Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary and Hope Island;**
- (f) the details of the steps taken/being taken to support capacity-building or employment generation programmes for local youth and tourism stakeholders in the region; and**
- (g) whether the Government plans to expand, integrate or further promote this tourism circuit, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (g): The project titled "Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi- Aduru- S. Yanam- Kotipally" was identified and sanctioned under the Coastal Circuit theme of the

Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the year 2014-15 with a total sanctioned amount of ₹67.83 crore. The project has been reported as physically completed, and the entire sanctioned amount has been released and fully utilized by Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation, being Implementing Agency of the project.

The project comprised a comprehensive set of tourism infrastructure development works across the identified locations with the objective of enhancing connectivity, visitor experience, and sustainable tourism potential. The components sanctioned under the project, inter alia, included construction and upgradation of approach roads, and parking facilities; development of beachfront areas with essential amenities such as landscaping, pathways, illumination, and gazebos; establishment of tourist facilitation infrastructure including Multi-Cuisine Food Courts with Souvenir Shop, waiting lounges, etc.

In addition, Ministry of Tourism conducts hospitality and tourism related short-term training courses under its “Capacity Building for Service Providers (CBSP)” scheme through Government and empanelled private institutes catering to candidates from diverse group including youths and tourism stakeholders in the country. The outcome of these trainings includes placements, self-employment, and entrepreneurship, in addition to many trainees opting for higher studies such as diploma and degree courses.

Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing endeavour, promotes various tourism destinations and products of India in a holistic manner, through various initiatives including promotional events, assistance to State Governments for organising fairs and festivals, participation in exhibitions, websites, social media, etc.

Ministry of Tourism revamped the circuit-based Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country through a destination & tourist-centric approach. Sanctioning of project is a continuous process. Currently, no proposal for expansion and re-integration of this circuit is under consideration in the Ministry of Tourism.
