

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.624
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM
INFRASTRUCTURE IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

624 SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU:

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

- (a) the financial assistance allocated, released, and utilised under various schemes for tourism infrastructure in Andhra Pradesh over the past five years, especially in Kakinada;
- (b) the details of infrastructure projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for Coastal Circuit in Kakinada, with funds released so far;
- (c) plans for beach tourism under Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0;
- (d) tourism's economic impact on employment and local communities as per Tourism Satellite Account, State-wise;
- (e) CSR contributions in the tourism sector, Statewise, growth of private sector investment in tourism, State-wise; and
- (f) whether any international agencies are funding tourism programs in India, and if so, details and procedures for the same?

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 including Andhra Pradesh for development of tourism projects.

The details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Andhra Pradesh under SD, SD2.0, CBDD, PRASHAD and SASCI schemes including those under coastal region is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism does not maintain the State-wise number of jobs in tourism sector. However, the employment scenario in the tourism sector in India as per 3rd Tourism Satellite Account, 2015-16 and periodic labour force survey is as under:

S. No.	Financial Year	Number of Jobs (in Crore)
1.	2019-20	6.94
2	2020-21	6.80
3	2021-22	7.00
4	2022-23	7.61
5	2023-24	8.46

The Ministry of Tourism does not compile data related to CSR contributions in tourism. However, the Ministry of Tourism regularly encourages the State Governments/UT Administrations to explore the possibilities of attracting private sector investment in tourism.

Currently, no tourism programs under Ministry of Tourism are being funded by international agencies.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.624 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE IN ANDHRA PRADESH RAISED BY SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU

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

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

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

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization by State Implementing Agency
1.	2024-25	Bapatala	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience	97.52	9.75
2.	2023-24	Araku-Lambasingi	Borra Cave Experience at Araku	29.87	2.99

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

S.No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization by State Implementing Agency
1.	2024-25	Ahobilam-A spiritual Odyssey	25.00	2.50
2.	2024-25	Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at Nagarjuna Sagar	25.00	2.50

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

(Amount in ₹Crore)				
S. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Released for Utilization
1.	2024-25	Enriching the fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota	77.91	113.75
2.	2024-25	Akhanda Godavari- (Havelok Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) in Raja Mahendravararam,	94.44	

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

(Amount in ₹Crore)					
S. No.	Name of Project	Sanction Year	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Released	Amount Utilized
1.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	27.77	27.77	27.77
2.	Development of Srisailem Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08	43.08
3.	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	2022-23	54.04	27.37	13.69
4.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town	2024-25	25.33	0.00	0.00
