

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.625**  
ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025

**COASTAL TOURISM CIRCUIT IN ANDHRA PRADESH**

625 SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA:

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

- (a) the details of Government projects proposed, under construction and presently working for coastal tourism circuit in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details regarding the hotspots identified as part of the coastal tourism circuit of Andhra Pradesh and their development over the past five years;
- (c) the details of funds allocated and utilised over the last five years for the development of coastal tourism circuit in Andhra Pradesh, project-wise; and
- (d) whether Government has undertaken any campaigns to raise awareness regarding coastal tourism circuit in Andhra Pradesh, if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): 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, and 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 details of the projects sanctioned in the State of Andhra Pradesh under above mentioned schemes is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing promotional activities regularly promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country including such endeavours in the international and domestic markets through social media, promotional websites, events etc.

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.625 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2025 REGARDING COASTAL TOURISM CIRCUIT IN ANDHRA PRADESH RAISED BY SHRI MASTHAN RAO YADAV BEEDHA**

**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 Utilized</b>
1.	Coastal Circuit 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally	67.83	67.83
2.	Coastal Circuit 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubbilamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli	49.55	49.55
3.	Buddhist Circuit 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24	30.02

**Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in the State 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 for utilization by State Implementing Agency</b>
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:**

**(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 for utilization by State Implementing Agency</b>
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 Mahendravaram,	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 Utilized
1.	Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination	2015-16	27.77	27.77
2.	Development of Srisailam Temple	2017-18	43.08	43.08
3.	Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple	2022-23	54.04	13.69
4.	Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town	2024-25	25.33	0.00

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