

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.204
ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025**

**DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TOURISM
IN RAMAGUNDAM AND BELLAMPALLI**

204. SHRI VAMSI KRISHNA GADDAM:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to promote industrial tourism at key sites such as the NTPC Ramagundam Thermal Power Plant and coal mining operations in Bellampalli and if so, the proposed timeline and current status of its implementation;**
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for developing infrastructure like guided tours, visitor centres, and educational exhibits at these locations during the last five years;**
- (c) whether any steps have been taken to position Ramagundam and Bellampalli as educational and research hubs for students and professionals in energy, mining and engineering fields and if so, the outcomes of such initiatives; and**
- (d) whether the Government, in coordination with other departments, has planned any connectivity upgrades (such as roads, signage, public transport) to improve tourist access to these industrial destinations and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of tourism destinations and products is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG)/Union Territory Administration (UTA). The Ministry of Tourism is not operating any separate scheme for development of industrial tourism. However, the Ministry through its existing schemes provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure and experiences in the country.

The Ministry launched its Swadesh Darshan scheme in 2014-15 with the idea to develop tourism infrastructure under identified thematic circuits and sanctioned 76 projects in the country. The scheme has now been revamped as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations and the Ministry has sanctioned 53 projects under this initiative in the country. Further, Ministry has also sanctioned projects under ‘Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ and ‘Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD)’, a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan scheme.

In addition, the Government of India under its ‘Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) – Development of Iconic Tourist Centres to Global Scale’ sanctioned 40 projects in 23 States for Rs.3295.76 Crore in the country in Financial Year 2024-25, with the primary objective to comprehensively develop iconic tourist centres in the country, branding and marketing them at global scale.

The details of the projects sanctioned under SD, SD2.0, PRASHAD, CBDD and SASCI schemes in the state of Telangana is annexed.

The Ministry of Tourism envisages the importance of better connectivity to various tourism destinations in the country and regularly interacts with concerned line Ministries in this regard. The institutional framework in multiple schemes operated by the Ministry also involves participation of various line Ministries. The Ministry has also put in place a system of training and professional education, with necessary infrastructure support, capable of generating sufficient manpower to meet the needs of tourism and hospitality industry. Accordingly, Institute of Hotel Managements have been set up in the country including in Telangana.

The Ministry of Tourism works closely with the Ministry of Coal to explore the potential for development of tourism activities.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.204 ANSWERED ON 01.12.2025 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL TOURISM IN RAMAGUNDAM AND BELLAMPALLI RAISED BY SHRI VAMSI KRISHNA GADDAM****(i) Details of Project sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Telangana:****(Amount in Crore)**

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Released/ Authorized	Amount Utilized
1.	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Integrated Development of Eco-Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar District (Somasila – Singotam – Akka Mahadevi – Kadali Vanam –Uma Maheshwaram – Farahabad – Mallelatheertham Srisailam)	91.62	91.25	91.25
2.	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai-Damaravi-Mallur-Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87	79.87	79.87
3.	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park-Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque-Raymond's Tomb	96.90	70.61	70.61.

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

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization by Implementing Agency

1.	2023-24	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone Bhongir	56.82	5.68
2.	2023-24	Anantagiri	Eco-Tourism Experience Ananthagiri	38.01	3.8

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

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Category	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Authorized for utilization by Implementing Agency
1.	2024-25	Development of digital experience centre at Bhuddhavanam, Nalgonda under Culture & Heritage	Culture & Heritage	24.85	2.48
2.	2024-25	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Nizam Sagar, Kamareddy under Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites	Ecotourism and Amrit Dharohar Sites	9.98	1.00

(iv) Details of Project sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) Scheme in the State of Telangana:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost	Amount Released for utilization
1.	2024-25	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74	93.61
2.	2024-25	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat” in Nallamala	68.10	

(v) Details of Project sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in the State of Telangana:

(Amount in ₹Crore)

S. No.	Project Name	Sanction Year	Sanction Amount	Amount Released	Amount Utilized
1.	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	2020-21	38.90	33.07	33.07
2.	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	2022-23	62.00	32.73	32.73
3.	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, Kotthagudem	2022-23	41.38	8.43	8.43
4.	Development of Basic Amenities at goddess Renuka Yellama Devasthanam, Balkampet, Hyderabad	2024-25	4.22	--	--
