GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.33

ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM PROMOTION UNDER CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEME

33 SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry under Special Assistance to States/UTs for Capital Investment Scheme has sanctioned funds for development of 40 lesser-known sites in the country;
- (b) whether it is also a fact that Gandikota, Nallamala and Rajamahendravaram have been identified from the State of Andhra Pradesh for this purpose;
- (c) if so, the details of special assistance going to be given to the above mentioned sites in Andhra Pradesh, site-wise;
- (d) whether any timelines have been fixed for completion of the above projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.33 ANSWERED ON 06.02.2025 REGARDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FOR TOURISM PROMOTION UNDER CAPITAL INVESTMENT SCHEME RAISED BY SHRI YERRAM VENKATA SUBBA REDDY:

(a) to (e): 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 ₹3295.76 Crore in the country in Financial Year 2024-25.

State Government of Andhra Pradesh submitted 3 project proposals viz. 'Akhanda Godavari: Reimagining Havelock Bridge and Redevelopment of Pushkar Ghat, Rajamahendravaram, 'Gandikota - Enriching the Fort and Gorge Experience' and 'Surya Lanka- The Global Iconic Retreat' of Andhra Pradesh for consideration under SASCI scheme. After due process, the Government has sanctioned the following projects in Andhra Pradesh for implementation in SASCI scheme:

| S.No. | Name of the project | Amount Sanctioned (₹ In Crore) |
|-------|--|-----------------------------------|
| 1. | Gandikota – Enriching the fort and Gorge Experience | 77.91 |
| 2. | Akhanda Godavari: (Havelock Bridge & Pushkar Ghat) Raja Mahendravaram | 94.44 |
| | Total | 172.35 |

Government of India has further released ₹113.75 Crore as first instalment to the State Government in respect of the above-mentioned projects. As per the operational guidelines of the scheme, the projects under the scheme shall be developed and completed in a period of 2 years.
