

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

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DEVELOPMENT OF PANCHARAMA TEMPLE CIRCUIT

1426 SHRI SANA SATHISH BABU:

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

- (a) whether Government plans to develop Pancharama Temple Circuit in Andhra Pradesh covering five Shaivite temples of Amararama, Draksharama, Kumararama, Ksheerarama and Somarama dating to the 9th to 11th centuries CE, on the lines of successful Ramayana Circuit, Buddhist Circuit and Krishna Circuit;
- (b) whether Government proposes to improve the connectivity and infrastructure of the said area/region;
- (c) whether branding and digital promotion are planned to position the Circuit as an international spiritual site; and
- (d) if so, the details and timeline thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (b): Development of tourism destinations is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Governments (SGs) and Union Territory Administrations (UTAs). 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 SD2.0 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 adherence to scheme guidelines, submission of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs), availability of funds etc.

The Ministry had launched the Swadesh Darshan Scheme (SDS) in 2014-15 for integrated development of tourism infrastructure under identified thematic circuits including Ramayana Circuit, Buddhist Circuit, Krishna Circuit etc.

The Swadesh Darshan scheme has been revamped as 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0' with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destination. The scheme focuses on implementation of sustainable and responsible tourism practices in various projects and initiatives and also encourages adoption of principles of sustainable tourism including environmental sustainability, socio-cultural sustainability and economic sustainability.

No proposal to develop Pancharama Temple Circuit in Andhra Pradesh covering five Shaivite temples of Amararama, Draksharama, Kumararama, Ksheerarama and Somarama dating to the 9th to 11th centuries CE, is under consideration of the Ministry of Tourism. However, receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

Connectivity to destinations across the country has been augmented through the development of air, rail, and road infrastructure by the concerned Ministries/Agencies.

(c) & (d): The Ministry of Tourism promotes the tourism destination and products of the country in a holistic manner, including Andhra Pradesh. The tourism destinations and products are showcased through the Incredible India Digital Platform (IIDP), which promotes these destinations and products through its official social media platforms on a regular basis.
