

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2221
ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026

TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE IN ANDHRA PRADESH

2221 SHRI VIJAY CHINTAKAYALA:

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

- (a) the tourism potential and key attractions of Andhra Pradesh identified by the Ministry, including its coastline, heritage and pilgrimage circuits;
- (b) the status of Central assistance extended to Andhra Pradesh under schemes such as Swadesh Darshan and PRASHAD for development of tourism circuits in the State;
- (c) whether Government proposes to identify and develop new tourism circuits in Andhra Pradesh covering its coastal, heritage and eco-tourism destinations; and
- (d) the details of Central assistance extended to Andhra Pradesh for tourism infrastructure development during the last three years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (d): Development and identification of key attractions, amenities and experiences at different destinations such as coastline, heritage and pilgrimage sites/circuits is primarily undertaken by the concerned State Government (SG) and Union Territory Administration (UTA). However, Ministry of Tourism under its various schemes including 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)', 'Swadesh Darshan (SD)', 'Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0)', 'Challenge Based Destination Development – CBDD' a sub-scheme of Swadesh Darshan 2.0 scheme provides financial assistance for development of tourism infrastructure including the State of Andhra Pradesh.

Proposals for seeking financial assistance for the development of the tourism infrastructure are formulated by the concerned State Governments and Union Territory Administrations. The proposals received are examined in accordance with the prescribed guidelines, and financial assistance is provided subject to fulfilment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds.

The details of the project sanctioned under these aforementioned schemes for Andhra Pradesh are **annexed**.

ANNEXURE

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (A) TO (D) OF RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2221 ANSWERED ON 06.08.2026 REGARDING TOURISM INFRASTRUCTURE IN ANDHRA PRADESH RAISED BY SHRI VIJAY CHINTAKAYALA

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh:

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

The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Andhra Pradesh:

Amount (₹ In Crore)				
S. No.	Destination	Sanction Date	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Bapatla	29.03.2025	Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience	97.52
2.	Araku-Lambasingi	05.03.2024	Borra Cave Experience eat Araku	29.88

The details of projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) Scheme in Andhra Pradesh:

Amount (₹ In Crore)				
S. No.	Destination /Category	Sanction Date	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Nagarjuna Sagar & (Culture Heritage)	17.03.2025	Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at Nagarjuna Sagar	25.00
2.	Ahobilam Temple (Spiritual Tourism)	17.03.2025	Development of Ahobilam as a Spiritual Odyssey	25.00

The details of projects sanctioned under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD) Scheme in Andhra Pradesh:

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