

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1288
ANSWERED ON 11.02.2019**

DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS

1288. SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI):

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana regarding the scheme for development of tourist circuits and tourist places;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the current status of the proposals;**
- (c) the progress and achievements made in this regard so far; and**
- (d) the details of funds allocated and spent for purpose during the last three years and the current year?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI K.J. ALPHONS)**

(a) to (d): Ministry of Tourism, under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, is developing theme-based tourist circuits in the country. Submission of project proposals by the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations under the scheme is a continuous process.

The projects for development are identified in consultation with the State Governments/ UT Administrations and are sanctioned subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable detailed project reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier.

Based on the above criteria, the Ministry has sanctioned the following projects to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana under the Scheme:

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Circuit/Year of Sanction	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1.	Coastal Circuit (2014-15)	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh	67.84	64.44
2.	Coastal Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore in Andhra Pradesh	59.70	47.76
3.	Buddhist Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Shalihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda-Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh	52.34	10.47
4.	Eco Tourism Circuit (2015-16)	Integrated Development of Mahaboobnagar district in Telangana	91.62	73.30
5.	Tribal Circuit (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram-Tadvai-Damaravi –Mallur – Bogatha Waterfalls in Telangana	83.88	65.27
6.	Heritage Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Qutubshahi Heritage Park- Paigarh Tombs-Raymonds Tomb-Begum Hayat Bakshi Tomb in Telangana	99.42	44.83

All the projects are at various stages of implementation/ completion.
