

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.288
ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024**

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS

288. SHRI Y. S. AVINASH REDDY:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details and the number of Theme-based tourist circuits selected for integrated development under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the State of Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) whether it is a fact that Central financial assistance is provided to the States under the said scheme; and**
- (c) if so, the amount of financial assistance provided for the integrated development of tourist circuits in the State of Andhra Pradesh along with the details of such circuits?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations under its Swadesh Darshan scheme for augmentation of tourism facilities/infrastructure in the country. The Ministry has sanctioned 03 projects under Coastal and Buddhist circuit themes in the State of Andhra Pradesh under this scheme, the details of which is annexed. The works sanctioned under these projects include components pertaining to development of tourism infrastructure such as Tourism Amenity Centre, Parking Facilities, CCTV provisions, pathways, signages, cottages, solar lighting, landscape works, public convenience facilities, beach front development, food courts, amphitheatre etc.

The Ministry of Tourism has revamped the Swadesh Darshan Scheme as Swadesh Darshan 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations, following a destination & tourism-centric approach and have notified 'Gandikota' and 'Arakku-Lambassingi' for development under SD2.0 in Andhra Pradesh.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.288 ANSWERED ON 05.02.2024 REGARDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST CIRCUITS BY SHRI Y. S. AVINASH REDDY****Detail of projects sanctioned in Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme.****(Amount in ₹ Crore)**

S. No.	Circuit / Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released/ authorized for utilization
1.	Coastal Circuit/ 2014-15	Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally	67.83	67.83
2.	Coastal Circuit/ 2015-16	Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli	49.55	49.55
3.	Buddhist Circuit/ 2017-18	Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu	35.24	28.19
