

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4641  
ANSWERED ON 23.03.2020**

**DEVELOPMENT OF ANCIENT BUDDHIST CENTRE OF AMRAVATI**

**4641. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has taken any steps for developing the ancient Buddhist centre of Amravati, Andhra Pradesh as a tourist destination;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of progress made in establishing Buddhist tourism circuit in Andhra Pradesh;**
- (d) whether the Government has received funds from any international organization or foreign country for the development of Buddhist tourist sites in the country; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)  
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a) to (c): Based on the proposal received from State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Ministry of Tourism has approved the following projects for development of Buddhist centres in the State.**

- i. “Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination” approved in 2015-16 under PRASHAD Scheme at the cost of Rs.28.36 Crore. An amount of Rs.22.69 Crore has been released so far.**
- ii. “Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam-Thotlakonda- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh” approved in 2017-18 as Buddhist Circuit under Swadesh Darshan Scheme at the cost of**

**Rs.52.34 Crore. An amount of Rs.26.17 Crore has been released so far.**

- iii. An amount of Rs.1847.50 lakh was sanctioned for project “Development of Amravati” by Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under their “HRIDAY” Scheme.**

**(d): No, Sir.**

**(e) : Does not arise.**

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