

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1252  
ANSWERED ON 19.09.2020**

**DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST CORRIDOR**

**1252. SHRI NAMA NAGESWARA RAO:**

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

- (a) the steps taken for developing important “Buddhist Corridor” from Telangana to Andhra Pradesh;**
- (b) whether the State Government of Telangana has recommended for Buddhist corridor and the same is pending with the Central Government for the last three years;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering for early implementation of the Buddhist corridor proposed by the State of Telangana;**
- (d) whether any budget/funds been allocated for the above project and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether it will be developed as “Buddhist Tourism Spot” in Telangana; and**
- (f) the employment likely to be generated by this important tourism project?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)**

**(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

**(a) to (f): Development and promotion of tourist places is primarily the responsibility of concerned State Government/ Union Territory Administration. Ministry of Tourism under its Swadesh Darshan scheme provides financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations/ Central Agencies for development of tourism infrastructure in selected thematic circuits in the country in planned and prioritized manner. The projects under Swadesh Darshan scheme are identified for development in consultation with the State Governments/Union Territory 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 etc.**

**The Ministry of Tourism had received a project from the State Government of Telangana for 'Development of Integrated Buddhist Circuit in Telangana' in January, 2018. However, Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme has already sanctioned the following projects in the State of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh:**

<b>State/ Year of Sanction</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Details of Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned amount in Cr.</b>
<b>Telangana (2015-16)</b>	<b>Eco Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Circuit in Mahaboobnagar districts (Somasila, Singotam, Kadalaivanam, Akkamahadevi, Egalanpanta, Farahabad, Uma Maheshwaram, Mallelatheertham)</b>	<b>91.62</b>
<b>Telangana (2016-17)</b>	<b>Tribal Circuit</b>	<b>Integrated Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram-Medavaram- Tadvai- Damaravi-Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls.</b>	<b>79.87</b>
<b>Telangana (2017-18)</b>	<b>Heritage Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Heritage Circuit: QutubShahi Heritage Park- Paigah Tombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb</b>	<b>96.90</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh (2014-15)</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Circuit at Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally</b>	<b>67.84</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh (2015-16)</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Nellore,Pulikat Lake, Ubblamadugu water falls, Nelapattu Bird Sanctuary, Mypadu Beach, Ramatheertham</b>	<b>59.7</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh (2017-18)</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda-Amravati- Anupu in Andhra Pradesh under the theme of Buddhist Circuit of Swadesh Darshan Scheme.</b>	<b>52.34</b>

**The objective of development of tourist circuits under Swadesh Darshan is to enhance the infrastructure facilities at the select tourist destinations thereby creating employment through active involvement of local communities and to harness tourism potential for its effects in employment generation and economic development.**

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