

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3361
ANSWERED ON 09.08.2021**

PROJECT TO IDENTIFY AND RENOVATE HERITAGE SITES

3361. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to implement any project/circuits/hubs to identify and renovate heritage sites and tourist places including Belur, Halebeedu, Sharavanbelagola in Hassan district of Karnataka to attract more tourists;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to protect the historically important places;**
- (c) whether the Government has received any proposals from the State Government of Karnataka to include any other tourist places in the said project; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF TOURISM

(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)

(a) to (d): Development, identification and promotion of Tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Government / Union Territory Administration. The Ministry of Tourism under its schemes of 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' provides financial assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations etc. including Karnataka for development of tourism infrastructure in the country. Sanctioning of projects is a continuous process and is subject to availability of funds, submission of suitable Detailed Project Reports, adherence to scheme guidelines and utilization of funds released earlier etc.

Sanctioning of new projects in Swadesh Darshan scheme is under review. There is no project proposal from Karnataka under consideration for sanction under the scheme of Swadesh Darshan.

However, 'Chamundeshwari Devi' (Mysuru District, Karnataka) is one of the identified site for development under the 'PRASHAD' scheme of the Ministry.
