

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2462  
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

**INCLUSION OF BUDDHIST SITE AT ADURRU IN BUDDHIST TOURISM CIRCUIT**

**2462. SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to include the Buddhist site at Adurru in Konaseema district of Andhra Pradesh in the Buddhist Tourism Circuit;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the proposed interventions and estimated timelines for their implementation;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility study or assessment regarding the site's potential for inclusion in the Buddhist Circuit;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (f) whether the Government has received any proposals regarding the development of the said site, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)**

**(a) to (f): Development and promotion of tourist destinations is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)', 'Swadesh Darshan' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs) by extending financial assistance to SGs/UTs/Central Agencies for tourism infrastructure development.**

**The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project "Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally" for an amount of Rs.67.84 crore on 31.03.2015 under the Coastal Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan 1.0 Scheme. The major components**

**sanctioned at Aduru are Floating jetty, Concrete Wharf, Approach Road, Waiting Lounge, Information Centre, Illumination and Electrification.**

**Receiving proposals from the State Governments/UT Administrations for financial assistance for tourism projects is a continuous process. The proposals received are examined with reference to the prescribed guidelines and financial assistance is extended for such projects subject to fulfillment of the stipulated conditions and availability of funds. Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned various infrastructure projects in Andhra Pradesh which are given in the Annexure.**

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**ANNEXURE**

**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2462 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING INCLUSION OF BUDDHIST SITE AT ADURRU IN BUDDHIST TOURISM CIRCUIT RAISED BY SHRI G M HARISH BALAYOGI.**

**List of Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

**(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanction Cost</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination</b>	<b>27.77</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Development of Srisailem Temple</b>	<b>43.08</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple</b>	<b>54.04</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Development of Pilgrimage Tourism Infrastructure in Annavaram Temple Town</b>	<b>25.33</b>

**List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

**(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Circuit Name/ Sanction Year</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit 2014-15</b>	<b>Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam - Kotipally</b>	<b>67.83</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Coastal Circuit 2015-16</b>	<b>Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubbilamadugu Water Falls - Nelapattu - Kothakoduru - Mypadu - Ramateertham - Iskapalli</b>	<b>49.55</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Buddhist Circuit 2017-18</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalikhundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu</b>	<b>35.24</b>

**List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Andhra Pradesh**

**(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Name of the Experience</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Bapatla</b>	<b>Development of Suryalanka Beach Experience</b>	<b>97.52</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Araku-Lambasingi</b>	<b>Borra Cave Experience at Araku</b>	<b>29.87</b>

**List of Projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD) in Andhra Pradesh**

**(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Ahobilam-A spiritual Odyssey</b>	<b>25.00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Enriching Buddhist Heritage and Cultural Experiences at NagarjunaSagar</b>	<b>25.00</b>

**List of Projects sanctioned under Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI Scheme) in Andhra Pradesh**

**(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Enriching the fort and Gorge Experience in Gandikota</b>	<b>77.91</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Akhanda Godavari- (Havelok Bridge &amp;PushkarGhat) in Raja Mahendravarum,</b>	<b>94.44</b>

**List of projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development' in Andhra Pradesh**

**(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Sanctioned Cost</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Sound and Light Show at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>7.08</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Construction of Cruise-Cum-Costal Cargo Terminal at Channel berth area in Outer Harbour of Visakhapatnam Port</b>	<b>38.50</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Tirupati Railway Station</b>	<b>5.75</b>

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