

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2467
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025**

PROMOTION OF RIVERFRONT RELIGIOUS TOURIST DESTINATIONS

**2467. SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI:
SHRI AVIMANYU SETHI:**

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified any riverfront religious/tourist destinations in Telangana for tourism development and promotion during the last five years and the current year;**
- (b) if so, the details of the total number of such destinations identifies and the steps taken by the Government to promote these sites among national and international tourists during the recent years;**
- (c) whether any increase in footfall was noticed at these destinations due to Government interventions and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the potential of developing cruise tourism at these sites in the upcoming years along with the approximate expenditure for infrastructural development thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to boost cruise tourism in the coastal districts of Odisha, specifically at ports such as Dhamara, Paradeep and Gopalpur?**

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a) to (c): The Ministry of Tourism through its ongoing schemes of Swadesh Darshan, 'Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)' and 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development' complements the efforts of the State Governments (SGs)/UT Administrations (UTs)/ Central Agencies by extending financial assistance to them for developing tourism related infrastructure in the country including the State of Telangana.

The detail of infrastructure development projects including riverfront religious/tourist destinations undertaken in the State of Telangana is given in the Annexure.

These infrastructure development projects intend to increase the footfall and overall tourist experience, among others.

In addition, the Ministry of Tourism as part of its ongoing endeavour promotes various tourism destinations and products of the country through various promotional activities such as events, website, social media promotions, fairs and festivals, etc.

(d): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products, including cruise tourism is undertaken by the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry complements the efforts of States/UTs through various schemes and initiatives for development of tourism, including Cruise Tourism.

(e): The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project “Development of Gopalpur, Barkul, Satapada and Tampara” in Odisha under the Coastal Circuit of the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, to promote tourism along the coastal belt and includes major components such as road development, tourist reception centres, jetties, water sports equipment, cruise boats, etc.

ANNEXURE**STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2467 ANSWERED ON 04.08.2025 REGARDING PROMOTION OF RIVERFRONT RELIGIOUS TOURIST DESTINATIONS RAISED BY SHRI ARVIND DHARMAPURI AND SHRI AVIMANYU SETHI****List of Project under PRASHAD Scheme in Telangana**

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)
1	Development of Jogulamba Devi Temple, Alampur	38.90
2	Development of Pilgrimage and Heritage Tourism Infrastructure at Rudreshwara (Ramappa) Temple, Mulugu	62.00
3	Development of Pilgrimage Infrastructure at Bhadrachalam, BhadradriKothagudem District	41.38
4	Development of Basic Amenities at goddess Renuka Yellama Devasthanam	4.22

List of Projects under Swadesh Darshan Scheme in Telangana

Sr. No.	Circuit Name/ Sanction Year	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)
1	Eco Circuit 2015-16	Development of Eco Tourism Circuit in Mahaboobnagar district	91.62
2	Tribal Circuit 2016-17	Development of Mulugu-Laknavaram- Medavaram- Tadvai-Damaravi- Mallur- Bogatha Waterfalls	79.87
3	Heritage Circuit 2017-18	Development of Qutub Shahi Heritage Park- PaigahTombs- Hayat Bakshi Mosque- Raymond's Tomb	96.90

List of Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan 2.0 Scheme in Telangana

Sr. No.	Destination	Name of the Experience	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)
1	Bhongir	Bhongir Fort Experiential Zone	56.81
2	Ananathagiri	Eco tourism zone at Ananathgiri forest	38.00

List of Projects sanctioned under Challenge Based Destination Development (CBDD), in Telangana

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)
1	Digital Experience Centre at Bhuddhavanam in Nalgonda	24.85
2	Development of Eco-Tourism Project at Nizam Sagar, Kamareddy	9.98

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

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Sanctioned Cost (Rs. Crore)
1	Ramappa Region Sustainable Tourism Circuit in Ramappa	73.74
2	Somasilla Wellness & Spiritual Retreat in Nallamala	68.10

List of Projects sanctioned under 'Assistance to Central Agencies for Infrastructure Development' in Telangana

Sr. No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. Crore)
1	Multimedia Laser Show with Water Screen and Musical Fountain at Sanjeevaiah Park, Hyderabad, Telangana	50.00
2	Design, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Digital Multimedia Technology and Lightings at Osmania Arts University, Hyderabad Telangana	11.79
3	Hyderabad Railway Station	4.41
4	Facade illumination of Kanchiguda Railway	3.41
