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Title: Regarding sanction of funds for Rayalaseema Heritage Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh -laid.

**SHRI N. REDDEPPA (CHITTOOR):** The famous Sree Venkateswara Swamy Temple of Tirupati in Chittoor district in the Rayalaseema region of Andhra Pradesh attracts Lakhs of pilgrims / tourists on a daily basis. There are many more places of tourists' interest in Rayalaseema such as Lepakshi Temple, Penukonda Fort, Gooty Fort, Tadipatri Temples, Belum Caves, Horsely hills, Ahobilam Temple and the Gandikota Fort to name a few. Government of Andhra Pradesh has proposed to develop the Rayalaseema Heritage Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh which would help give the tourism sector a boost. The DPR for Rs. 136.85 crores under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the development of Rayalaseema Heritage Tourism Circuit was submitted by the Government of AP.

I would request the Hon'ble Tourism Minister to kindly sanction the required funds and approve the DPR at the earliest.