

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2446  
ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023**

**DEVELOPMENT OF VIZAG INTO TOURIST HUB**

**2446.DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI:**

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

- (a) the details of increase in national and international tourists in Vizag post COVID-19 Pandemic;**
- (b) the details of funding available to develop Vizag as a tourist hub under Swadesh Darshan Scheme; and**
- (c) the other schemes to aid development of the tourist hubs?**

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a): The details of Domestic Tourist Visits (DTV) and Foreign Tourist Visits (FTV) in Vizag during 2019-2022 is given below:**

**(In Lakh)**

Year	DTV	FTV	% Change over previous year	
			DTV	FTV
2019	273.12	1.09	-	-
2020	101.57	0.30	-62.81	-72.48
2021	149.20	0.19	46.89	-36.67
2022	162.51	0.46	8.92	142.11

**Source: State Tourism Department.**

**(b): The details of projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the State of Andhra Pradesh is given in the Annexure-I. The Ministry of Tourism has revamped Swadesh Darshan scheme as Swadesh Darshan scheme 2.0 (SD2.0) with the objective to develop sustainable and responsible tourism destinations in the country and has notified Gandikota, Arakku-Lambassingi as destinations for development in Andhra Pradesh under SD2.0.**

**(c): The Ministry of Tourism has identified following projects in the State of Andhra Pradesh under PRASHAD Scheme for development:**

- i. Ananvaram, Kakinada District**
- ii. Vedagiri Lakshmi Narsimha Swamy Temple, Nellore District**

**The details of projects sanctioned under the PRASHAD and Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development schemes in Andhra Pradesh are given in the Annexure-II.**

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**ANNEXURE-I****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2446 ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF VIZAG INTO TOURIST HUB BY DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI****Projects sanctioned under Swadesh Darshan Scheme for the state of Andhra Pradesh****(Rs. In Crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Name of the Project</b>	<b>Amount Sanctioned</b>	<b>Amount Released</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Development of Kakinada - Hope Island - Coringa Wildlife Sanctuary - Passarlapudi - Aduru - S Yanam – Kotipally</b>	<b>67.83</b>	<b>67.83</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Development of Nellore - Pulikat Lake - Ubblamadugu Water Falls – Nelapattu- Kothakoduru- Mypadu - Ramateertham – Iskapalli</b>	<b>49.55</b>	<b>49.55</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda - Amravati- Anupu</b>	<b>35.24</b>	<b>28.19</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>152.62</b>	<b>145.57</b>

**Destination-wise Details of project “Development of Buddhist Circuit: Shalihundam- Bavikonda- Bojjanakonda -Amravati- Anupu”**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Destination</b>	<b>Sanction cost (₹ Crore.)</b>	<b>Major Components</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Srikakulam</b>	<b>Shalihundam</b>	<b>2.27</b>	<b>i. Tourist Amenity Centre ii. Uncovered Parking iii. Monument Lighting iv. Entrance gate v. CCTV &amp; WiFi</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Visakhapatnam</b>	<b>Bavikonda</b>	<b>2.61</b>	<b>i. Tourist Amenity Centre ii. Uncovered Parking iii. Monument Lighting iv. Entrance gate v. CCTV &amp; WiFi</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Visakhapatnam</b>	<b>Bojjanakonda</b>	<b>7.32</b>	<b>i. Tourist Amenity Centre ii. Uncovered Parking iii. Monument Lighting iv. Light &amp; Sound Show</b>

				<b>v. Entrance gate</b> <b>vi. CCTV &amp; WiFi</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Guntur</b>	<b>Amravati</b>	<b>15.98</b>	<b>i. Dhyana Buddha Vanam (Buddhist Park) includes Structure, services, landscaping,</b> <b>ii. Uncovered Parking</b> <b>iii. Monument Lighting</b> <b>iv. Light &amp; Sound Show</b> <b>v. Entrance gate</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Guntur</b>	<b>Anupu</b>	<b>5.37</b>	<b>i. Tourist Amenity Centre</b> <b>ii. Uncovered Parking</b> <b>iii. Monument Lighting</b> <b>iv. Entrance gate</b> <b>v. Floating Jetties (2 Nos)</b>

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**ANNEXURE-II****STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2446 ANSWERED ON 18.12.2023 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT OF VIZAG INTO TOURIST HUB BY DR. BEESETTI VENKATA SATYAVATHI****Projects sanctioned under PRASHAD Scheme for the state of Andhra Pradesh****(Rs. in Crore)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Sanction Year</b>	<b>Approved Cost</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Development of Amaravati Town, Guntur District as a Tourist Destination</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>27.77</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Development of Srisailam Temple</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>43.08</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Sri Varaha Lakshmi Narsimha Swami Vari Devasthanam at Simhachalam in Vishakhapatnam Temple</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>54.04</b>

**List of Projects Sanctioned under the Scheme Assistance to Central Agencies for Tourism Infrastructure Development in Andhra Pradesh****(Rs. In Lakh)**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of Project</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>2017-18</b>	<b>Sound and Light Show at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>ITDC</b>	<b>708.67</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>Construction of Cruise Berth at Channel Berth in outer Harbour of patnam Port</b>	<b>Visakhapatnam Port Trust</b>	<b>3850.00</b>

**List of Assistance for organising fairs & festivals under under the scheme Domestic Promotion & Publicity including Hospitality (DPPH) in Andhra Pradesh****(Rs. in Lakh)**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Name of Fairs &amp; Festivals</b>	<b>Amount sanctioned</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>Flamingo Festival at Nellore District</b>	<b>10.00</b>
	<b>Lepakshi Festival at Ananthapur district</b>	<b>10.00</b>
	<b>Kakinada Beach Festival at East Godavari district</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>Tourism events on the Occasion of Krishna Pushkarma at Amravathi, Vijayawada, Srisailam of Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>25.00</b>

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