

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM AND CULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF BUDDHIST CIRCUITS  
VUKKALA RAJESWARAMMA

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Andhra Pradesh has vast potential for promotion of sites linked with Buddhist culture and heritage;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has approached the Union Government or development of Buddhist circuits in the State under the pilgrim tourism programme;
- (c) if so, the response of the Union Government thereto;
- (d) whether the Union Government proposes to provide any assistance for development of infrastructure and connectivity with the Buddhist site so that these could be developed into a cogent circuit;
- (e) if so, the amount of assistance the Government propose to provide; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Govt. of Andhra Pradesh has submitted a proposal for integrated development of Nagarjunasagar under the Buddhist circuit.
- (c) to (f): The Department of Tourism, Government of India has sanctioned on 19.9.2003, an amount of Rs.500 lakhs for integrated development of Nagarjunasagar under the Buddhist Circuit.