

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TOURISM PROJECTS IN ANDHRA PRADESH
Thota Shri Narasimham

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received various proposals from Andhra Pradesh regarding tourism infrastructure projects and provision of amenities at the tourist sites in the State, particularly in East Godavari District;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;
- (c) the revenue generated in the tourism sector during each of the last three years and the current year in Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) the details of major tourism projects taken up in the State along with the funds allocated by the Government during the above period; and
- (e) whether any tourism project from Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Government and if so, the details thereof along with the time by which such projects are likely to be cleared?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a) to (e): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments & Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to availability of funds, inter- se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

The details of tourism projects for which CFA has been sanctioned and released to the State Govt. of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh (present Andhra Pradesh and Telangana combined), including the ones in the East Godavari District, during the last three years and the current year upto 30.06.2014 are given in Annexure.

The data on the revenue generated from the tourism sector in the State of Andhra Pradesh (both combined and as a separate entity) is not available.

A project Integrated Development of Tourism Infrastructure in Ananthapur District as a Mega Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh has been prioritized for grant of CFA by the Ministry of Tourism. The Standing Finance Committee has considered this proposal and recommended the project for grant of CFA of Rs.4241.84 lakh.