

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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TOURIST CIRCUITS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURISM IN ANDHRA PRADESH

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to develop/ promote tourism in Telangana and Andhra Pradesh and has allocated Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for the development of mega tourism circuits;
- (b) if so, the details of the mega circuits and the funds allocated in this regard during the last year and the current year;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Guttikonda Bilam Vave-Pidugurali-Kondaveedu Fort-Kotappa Konda temple circuit in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh has been identified to develop as mega circuit in Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the time by which it is likely to be developed?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) & (b): The development and promotion of various tourism destinations & products and implementation of tourism projects 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 and Union Territory Administrations for tourism projects prioritised in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to receipt of Detailed Project Report (DPR), liquidation of Utilization Certificates, availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

During the year 2013-14, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned one mega tourism circuit viz. Development of Bhadrachalam Papikondalu-Konaseema with total CFA of Rs.4588.80 lakh and release of Rs.917.76 lakh for the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. No Mega Circuit Project has been sanctioned to the State Governments of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana during the current financial year 2014-15.

(c) & (d): The Guttikonda Bilam Vave-Pidugurali- Kondaveedu Fort-Kotappa Konda temple circuit in Guntur district project has been prioritized for the State Government of Andhra Pradesh as a tourist circuit during the current financial year 2014-15. The maximum ceiling of CFA for such projects is Rs.8.00 crore. The DPR has been received. Major components of the project are Tourist Reception Centres, Children Play Equipments, Handicraft Exhibition Centre, Tourist Arrival Centre, Mini Cultural Auditorium, Pongal Shed etc.

Grant of CFA for the project is subject to availability of funds and adherence to scheme guidelines.