

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Promotion of Tourism in Araku
Kothapalli Smt. Geetha

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to promote tourism in Araku and Lambasingi in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to improve tourism connectivity to Araku and Lambasingi areas of Andhra Pradesh;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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 has been providing 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 of Product Infrastructure for Development of Destinations & Circuits. In addition, the Ministry of Tourism provides CFA to the central agencies under the scheme Guidelines for Assistance to Central Agencies Tourism Infrastructure Development. The details of projects sanctioned during the last 3 years are given in the annexure.

(c) to (e): To improve tourism connectivity to Araku, the Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project "Transparent Coaches for Araku valley Train" to the Integral Coach Factory, Chennai, a Public Sector Undertaking of the Ministry of Railways during the year 2014-15 for an amount of Rs.8.00 crores and released an amount of Rs.4.00 crores as the first instalment.
