

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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Development of Kishkinda as Tourist Destination
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Kishkinda in Karnataka is believed as birth place of Lord Hanuman;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that large number of devotees and tourists visit the place on a regular basis are facing difficulties due to lack of infrastructure; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to develop Kishkinda as a tourist destination with proper connectivity and infrastructure facilities?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The State Government of Karnataka has reported that Anegundi, believed to be the monkey kingdom of Kishkinda (Kishkinda means in local language a forest where the monkeys lived) in the epic of Ramayana, is at a distance of 5 km from the World Heritage site Hampi. Anjanadri hill, the birthplace of monkey-god Lord Hanuman, and the mountain Rishimuka are the other places near Anegundi associated with Ramayana. It is said to have one of the oldest plateaus on the planet, estimated to be 3,000 million years old. Local story-tellers therefore refer to Anegundi as the maternal home of Bhoodevi (Mother Earth).

(c): Yes.

(d): No such proposal for grant of central financial assistance from the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India has been received. The Department of Tourism, Government of Karnataka has reported that it has provided various tourism infrastructure facilities at Anegundi at an estimated cost of Rs.200 lakhs and an amount of Rs.100 lakhs has been released to the implementing Agency to start the work.
