

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4586
ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019**

IDENTIFICATION OF BUDDHIST CIRCUITS

4586. SHRI LAVU SRI KRISHNA DEVARAYALU:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Buddhist Circuits identified in Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme;**
- (b) the details of projects sanctioned, approved and executed/being executed in each of the identified Circuit in Andhra Pradesh; and**
- (c) the extent to which the development of above sites in Andhra Pradesh helps in attracting Buddhist tourism in the State, particularly from Eastern part of the world?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)**

(a) to (c): The details of projects sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme- Integrated Development of Theme- Based Tourist Circuits to the State of Andhra Pradesh for development of tourism infrastructure are as below:

(Rs. in crore)

S. No.	Circuit/ Sanction Year	Project Name	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released
1	Coastal Circuit (2014-15)	Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco	67.84	64.44

		Tourism Circuit		
2.	Coastal Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore	59.70	47.76
3.	Buddhist Circuit (2017-18)	Development of Shalihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda-Amravati- Anupu	52.34	10.47
Total			179.88	122.67

All the projects are at various stages of implementation/completion. The projects, once complete, are expected to enhance tourist experience and increase tourist footfalls by attracting domestic as well as international tourists including the ones from Eastern part of the world.
