

Year	No. of Visitors (approx.)
2010	80.00 lakhs
2012	100.00 lakhs
2014	110.00 lakhs

(b) and (c) The development and promotion of tourism destinations & products including tourism related fairs, festivals and events 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 including tourism related fairs, festivals and events prioritized in consultation with them for each financial year, subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

No proposal for grant of CFA for the “Samakka-Sarakka Jatara” in Warangal district of Telangana has been received from the State Government of Telangana for grant of CFA during the current financial year.

As per the information received from the State Government of Telangana, during the last Jatara held in 2014, various amenities including additional roads, stalls, temporary toilets, showers and bathrooms, bathing ghats, tourist information stalls etc. were provided by the State Government.

Tourism Circuit at Warangal in Telangana

2291. SHRI GARIKAPATI MOHAN RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of the tourism potential in Warangal district of Telangana;
- (b) whether there is any action plan with Government to connect the Pakala Lake, Ramappa Temple, Warangal fort, thousand pillar temple as tourism circuit; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) 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 various tourism projects for which CFA has been sanctioned and released to the State Government of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh (new Andhra Pradesh and Telangana combined) in the Warangal District, during Eleventh Plan and Twelfth Plan upto 30.06.2014 are given in the Statement (*See below*).

The Ministry of Tourism has prioritized a project for the “Development of Warangal - Karimnagar” mega circuit in the State of Telangana for grant of CFA during the current financial year.

Statement

Details of Central Financial Assistance sanctioned and released by the Ministry of Tourism to the State Government of erstwhile Andhra Pradesh for various Tourism Projects in Warangal district during Eleventh Plan and Twelfth Plan upto 30.06.2014

(₹ in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Projects	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
1	2	3	4
Eleventh Plan			
2007-08			
1.	Destination development of Anantharam village, Mahabubabad Mandal, Warangal Distt.	64.53	64.53
2.	Tourism Development at Padmakshi Temple, Hanumakonda, Warangal District	43.68	37.94
TOTAL		108.21	102.47
2008-09			
1.	Destination Development of Chilaka Hill Tribal Retreat - Phakal Eco-Tourism Zone and Landscape Park Kummarikunta Narsampet, Warangal District	312.22	249.78
TOTAL		312.22	249.78

1	2	3	4
2009-10			
1.	Development of Bhadrakali Temple Warangal District in Andhra Pradesh	93.48	77.78
TOTAL		93.48	77.78
2010-11 - NIL			
2011-12			
1.	Development of Tourism Infrastructure at Warangal Fort, Andhra Pradesh	437.37	437.37
2.	Mounting of sound and light show at Warangal fort	500.00	400.00
3.	Development of Tourism Infrastructure at Ramappa temple & lake	475.77	475.77
TOTAL		1413.14	1313.14
GRAND TOTAL of Eleventh Plan		1927.05	1743.17
Twelfth Plan			
2012-13 - NIL			
2013-14 - NIL			
2014-15 - NIL			

Foreign tourists

2292. SHRI C.P. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) how many foreign tourists have visited the country during last three years;
- (b) how many Indians have visited other countries as tourists during the same period; and
- (c) to what extent is the country financially benefited by tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) The number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India during 2011, 2012 and 2013 was 6.31 million, 6.58 million and 6.97 million, respectively.