

**Development of Hyderabad-Nalgonda-Warangal-Karimnagar-Adilabad
tourism circuit**

2370. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:

SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 3836 given in the Rajya Sabha on 13th August, 2014 and to state:

(a) when the National Level Consultant engaged by the Ministry identified Hyderabad-Nalgonda-Warangal-Karimnagar-Adilabad Circuit in Telangana;

(b) the expenditure involved to develop the above circuit;

(c) the plan of action the Ministry has prepared to develop the above Circuit; and

(d) by when it is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) Hyderabad-Nalgonda-Warangal-Karimnagar-Adilabad Circuit was identified through a study during 2011-12 by the National Level Consultant engaged by the Ministry of Tourism.

(b) As per the report of the study, the cost involved in development of the circuit is ₹ 261.50 Crore.

(c) and (d) Development and promotion of tourism is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various States/UTs, including Telangana, for various tourism projects prioritized for every financial year in consultation with them subject to availability of funds, *inter-se* priority, adherence to the scheme guidelines and liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier. Tourism Circuits/Destinations prioritized for development during 2014-15 by Ministry of Tourism in consultation with State Government is as under:

Mega Circuit:

- Warangal –Karimnagar Mega Circuit.

Circuit:

- Rachakonda Fort – Arutla (Temple) – Rangapur Observatory – Galishahid Dargah – Allapuram Village (Temples) – Narayanpur (Temples) – Sivanna Gudem Rock Formations – Valley of Bazaras Circuit.

Destinations:

- Development of Durgam Cheruvu Lake Hyderabad.
- Development of Heritage Theme Park in Hyderabad.
- Development of Khammam Fort and surrounding areas in Khammam District.
- Development of tourist places in Karimnagar District.
- Development of Tourist Facilities in Temples of Panagal and Udaya Samudram in Panagal, Nalgonda.

Tourism projects during current Five Year Plan

2371. SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of tourism projects sanctioned during the current Five Year Plan for various States of the country;

(b) the details of such projects completed so far and the remaining projects yet to be completed; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in completion of the pending projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (DR. MAHESH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Details of tourism projects sanctioned to various States/UTs during the current Five Year Plan and the status thereof is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(c) The Development, promotion, and completion of tourism projects is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) only on the liquidation of pending utilization certificates against the funds released earlier.