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Prashad Scheme

2	2016-17	Development of Kanchipuram	16.48
3	2016-17	Development of Vellankani	5.60

Assistance to Central Agencies

4	2017-18	Joint Development of Rameshwaram Railway Station	47
5	2018-19	Joint Development of Madurai Railway Station	4.47

Development of Tourism Circuit in Andhra Pradesh

3490. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) when the National Level Consultant engaged by the Ministry identified Chittoor-Nellore-Anantpur-Kadapa Circuit in Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) what would be the expenditure involved to develop the above circuit;
- (c) what 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 (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) The decision of sites to be developed as tourist attractions/ destinations/ circuits in the States/Union Territories (UTs) is taken by the concerned State Governments/ UT Administrations. However, the Ministry of Tourism under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme - Integrated Development of Theme- Based Tourism Circuits provides central financial assistance to State Governments/Union Territory (UT) Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure in identified tourism circuits in the country. The project proposals and the Detailed Project Reports of the projects are prepared by the State Governments/UT Administrations.

Under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme, the Ministry has sanctioned the following projects to the State of Andhra Pradesh-

(₹ in crore)

Sl. 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 Tourism Circuit	67.84	64.44
2.	Coastal Circuit (2015-16)	Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Neiiore	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 above projects are at various stages of implementation/completion. The project “Development of Kakinada Hope Island Konaseema as World Class Coastal & Eco Tourism Circuit” sanctioned in the year 2014-15 has attained physical completion and the last installment of funds will be released after monitoring Operation & Maintenance of the site for one year. The physical progress of work under the project “Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore” is approximately 80 percent and the project “Development of Shalihundam-Thotlakonda-Bavikonda-Bojjanakonda- Amravati- Anupu” is approximately 35 percent.

Coastal Tourism Circuit in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme

3491. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Nellore district of Andhra Pradesh under Swadesh Darshan Scheme has been sanctioned;

(b) if so, the details of components and progress of the project;

(c) what is the estimated cost of the project and what is the revised cost, if any; and