

(₹ 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 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 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

(d) by when the project is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned the project 'Development of Coastal Tourism Circuit in Sri Potti Sriramalu Nellore' in Andhra Pradesh under Coastal Circuit theme of Swadesh Darshan Scheme in the year 2015-16 for ₹59.70 crore and has released ₹47.76 crore under the project.

The components sanctioned under the projects include Waterfront Promenade, Approach Roads, Tourist Facilitation/ Reception Centres, Handicraft Display Centre, Seating Plaza, Landscaping, Pathways, Floating Jetty, Parking, Directional Signages, Solar Lighting, Watch Tower etc. among other basic tourist amenities like CCTV surveillance equipment and WiFi facilities, Public conveniences etc.

The project is under implementation. The physical progress of work under the project is approximately 80 percent.

#### **Identification of Iconic Tourism Sites**

3492. SHRI K.C. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) what are Iconic Tourist Sites proposed in this year's Budget;
- (b) whether any sites have been identified as Iconic Tourism Sites in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (d) whether there is also a component of sponsoring Iconic Tourism Sites on the lines of 'Adopt a Heritage' scheme; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, with a particular reference to Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI PRAHALAD SINGH PATEL): (a) to (e) The Ministry of Tourism has identified 17 sites in 12 clusters in the country for development as Iconic Tourism Sites namely Taj Mahal & Fatehpur Sikri (Uttar Pradesh), Ajanta & Ellora (Maharashtra), Humayun's Tomb, Red Fort & Qutub Minar (Delhi), Colva (Goa), Amer Fort (Rajasthan), Somnath & Dholavira