

**Seventeenth Loksabha**

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**Title: Regarding inclusion of Manginapudi Beach, Hamsaladeevi and Koneru Centre under the 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme'.-laid**

**SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI (MACHILIPATNAM):** The Ministry of Tourism started reviving tourism sector which was devastated due to the pandemic. There is no doubt that the Ministry is taking steps like providing market development assistance, SAATHI initiative, conducting road shows, Dekho Apna Desh events, etc. I feel that along with such initiatives, there is a need to identify many more new tourist destinations which gives increased options to tourists, particularly domestic, to achieve the objective of the Hon'ble Prime Minister who urged people to visit, at least, 15 tourist destinations in the Country by December 2022.

Machilipatnam port is coming in a big way and once the port becomes operational, there will be huge activity and people will also start coming in Machilipatnam. Telangana is a landlocked State and if people from Telangana wanted to enjoy at beach and other ionic destinations, they will have a better option in Machilipatnam with world-class road and infrastructure.

So, I appeal for consideration of the Government of India to include Manginapudi beach, Hamsaladeevi and Koneru Centre under Swadesh Darshan Scheme which would not only help developing these sites but also help in bringing Telangana closer to a beach with the state-of-the-art infrastructure.

Hence, I request to include Manginapudi beach, Hamsaladeevi and Koneru Centre under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme.