

Regarding need to include various temples and pilgrimage sites in Telangana under PRASAD Scheme-Laid

SHRIMATI D. K. ARUNA (MAHBUBNAGAR): I would like to bring to kind notice of the Government the need to consider the following proposals for inclusion of prominent temples from erstwhile Mahabubnagar district under PRASAD Scheme 1st Phase for Pilgrimage Site Development in Telangana state which are essential. Sri Kurumurthy Srinivasa Swamy Temple in Kurumurthy, Mahabubnagar District, is a major attraction for devotees of Lord Vishnu, and it is often referred to as the "Second Tirupati" due to its significance among devotees; Sri Venkateswara Swamy Temple - Manyam Konda in Mahabubnagar Mandal District is dedicated to Lord Venkateswara; Sri Timmappa Temple in Maldakal Mandal, Jogulamba Gadwal District holds significant spiritual importance in the hearts of devotees across Telangana, Karnataka, and Maharashtra and hosts an annual Jathara (Tirunala) on December Pournami, drawing nearly 20 lakh devotees; Sri Rama Temple - Sirisanagundla in Kalwakurthy - Devarakonda Line, Nagarkurnool District is known for its exquisite stone sculpture and remarkable architecture; Beechupally Hanuman Temple in Itikyala Mandal, Jogulamba Gadwal District is located on the banks of Krishna River above National Highway No.44 and about 30 kilometers downstream after Jurala Water Project in Jogulamba Gadwal district, Telangana and lakhs of devotees will visit this place for the Krishna Pushkaralu to be held in 2028. Therefore, several development programs need to be undertaken for the convenience of the devotees and Tourism's support for these pilgrimage sites will significantly boost religious tourism in the region, providing employment opportunities and fostering cultural preservation. The financial assistance under the PRASAD scheme will ensure that these sacred sites become world-class pilgrimage destinations. Therefore, I request the Hon'ble Minister of Tourism, to kindly include above said 5 projects under PRASAD Scheme.