

Need to develop Pudimadaka in Anakapalli, Andhra Pradesh as a tourist destination.-laid

DR. C. M. RAMESH (ANAKAPALLE): Govt of India is actively promoting Lighthouse Tourism under Maritime India Vision and Amrit Kaal Vision-2047 to enhance country's cultural heritage and maritime legacy. Lighthouses are not merely functional structures, but are repositories of India's history and culture, have cultural importance, potential for adventure, leisure, boost local economy and provide employment. Thanks to Hon'ble PM for selecting Pudimadaka Lighthouses to be developed for Tourism purpose. With 35 meters height, range of 20 candelas & 17 nautical miles of geographical area, Pudimadaka Lighthouse is nearly 60 years old. It has 4.5 acres of land with facilities such as police station, hospital, bank, etc., nearby. If this lighthouse is developed as tourist destination with museum, amphitheatre, cafeteria, gazebo, children play area, landscaping, etc., it helps to develop tourism, provide employment to local youth and push economic activity of this area. Hence, I appeal to Minister of Tourism to develop Pudimadaka in Anakapalli as tourist destination at the earliest.