

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TOURISM**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5213  
ANSWERED ON 04.04.2022**

**DEVELOPMENT OF GANDIKOTA AS ADVENTURE SPORTS HUB**

**5213. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:**

**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has knowledge that Gandikota in Andhra Pradesh is called the “Indian Grand Canyon” and if so, the measures being undertaken/ proposed to develop it into a sustainable tourist destination and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is aware that Gandikota has developed into an adventure sports hub and if so, the measures being undertaken/proposed to ensure safety of the public and oversight on such activities and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the existence of two 12th century temples near Gandikota, Madhavaraya Swamy temple and Raghunatha Swamy temple, if so, the efforts being undertaken/proposed to conserve these historical monuments?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF TOURISM**

**(SHRI G. KISHAN REDDY)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Ministry of Tourism is aware that Gandikota is one of the significant geological formation located in Andhra Pradesh.**

**Ministry of Tourism provides financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for development of tourism infrastructure in the country under its ‘Swadesh Darshan’ and ‘National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)’ schemes.**

**In addition, the Ministry of Tourism has formulated revised guidelines ‘Indian Adventure Tourism Guidelines (Version 2.0)’ which cover 31 verticals involving land, air and water in respect of adventure**

**tourism activities and has forwarded to the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for compliance.**

**(c): The work related to conservation of historical monuments etc. are undertaken by Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), which has informed that 'fort with enclosed ancient buildings, Madhavaperumal temple and tower known as Madarsala, Gandikota, YSR Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh' is a centrally protected monument of ASI under the jurisdiction of Amaravati Circle. The ASI, Amaravati Circle is taking appropriate measures regularly to maintain and conserve this ancient monument. Further there is a provision for Annual Conservation Programme(ACP)/Comprehensive Conservation Work for Madhavaraya Temple and Ranganayakula Temple, Gandikota Fort, YSR Kadapa, Andhra Pradesh, for the Financial Year 2022-23.**

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