

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested to the Union Government for an assistance of Rs. 5 crores to develop the Laurie Baker International School of Habitat Studies;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and (C) the time by which the amount is likely to be released to the Government of Kerala for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

(a) to (c): In March, 2009 the Government of Kerala addressed the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation regarding their proposal to develop Laurie Baker Nirmithi Training Research Institute as a centre of excellence in the field of research related to cost-effective construction and to impart training in alternate building technology, at national/international level at a financial outlay of Rs. 5 crores. In June, 2009 Government of Kerala forwarded to Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation two project proposals by the Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra,

(i) on establishment of Laurie Baker International School of Habitat Studies (LABISHAS) and
(ii) project for Innovative Building Materials.

Presently there is no ongoing scheme under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation for providing Central assistance for the proposal made by the Government of Kerala.