

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:310  
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2009  
RURAL TOURISM  
Antony Shri Anto

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to give importance to rural tourism projects in the country including Kerala; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the number of projects sanctioned and funds allocated, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.310 ANSWERED ON 24.07.2009 REGARDING RURAL TOURISM.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure development in rural sites having core-competency in art, craft, culture, handlooms/ textiles etc. Community participation and capacity building including skill upgradation in such rural sites are supported through Government of India-United Nations Development Programme Endogenous Tourism Project and Capacity Building for Service Providers Scheme of the Ministry. A list of Rural Tourism Projects sanctioned to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including Kerala is annexed.