

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any exclusive Tourism Villages are being developed by various State Tourism Development Corporations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether these State Governments have sought any financial assistance from the Union Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by when such Tourism Villages are likely to be developed?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (e): Development and Promotion of Tourism including Rural Tourism is primarily the responsibility of State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned. 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. The number of Rural Tourism Projects sanctioned to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations is annexed.

The implementation of the projects sanctioned is the responsibility of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations concerned. However, Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of the projects through site visits and review meetings.