

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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UNDP ASSISTED RURAL TOURISM PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress made in the 36 Rural Tourism Sites in the country including Karnataka supported by India-United Nations Development Programme (UNDP);
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring more projects under UNDP Endogenous Rural Tourism Projects; and
- (c) if so, the State-wise details thereof including Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI SULTAN AHMED)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance to State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure development in rural sites. Community participation and capacity building including skill upgradation in 36 such rural sites were supported initially through United Nations Development Programme - Government of India Endogenous Tourism Project. 15 of these Rural Tourism sites have been commissioned, including two from Karnataka, namely Anegundi and Banvasi. At present the capacity building including skill upgradation is supported through the "Capacity Building for Service Providers Scheme"(CBSP) of Ministry of Tourism. The state - wise details of rural tourism projects sanctioned during 10th and 11th Plan including for Karnataka are given in the annexure.