

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
TOURISM  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:705  
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SCHEME FOR PROMOTION OF RURAL TOURISM  
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**Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of the schemes to promote rural tourism in the country; and

(b) the funds sanctioned, released and utilized by the State Governments under these Scheme during each of the last three years and the current year?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Ministry of Tourism at present provides Central Financial Assistance to State Govts/ Union Territory Administrations for infrastructure and capacity building including skill upgradation in rural sites, identified in consultation with them, for development of Rural Tourism in the country. The number of rural tourism projects and amount sanctioned for different states during the last three years upto 30.09.2010 and the current year are given in Annexure.

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