

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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MUZIRIES PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has provided any financial assistance/package for Muziries project in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith its status as on date;
- (c) whether the funds allocated for this purpose has been released; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): Development and promotion of various tourism destinations/products/fairs/festival/events are primarily the responsibility of the respective State Government/Union Territory (UT) Administration. The Ministry of Tourism, however, provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) for tourism infrastructure development projects /fairs /festivals/events identified in consultation with them, subject to availability of funds, inter-se-priority and adherence to scheme guidelines.

The Ministry of Tourism has sanctioned a project "Development of Muziries Heritage Circuit" connecting historically and archaeologically important places of Kodungalloor in Kerala as a Mega Project with the Central Financial Assistance of Rs.40.52 crore during the year 2010-11. A sum of Rs.20.26 crore was released to the State Government of Kerala on 17.5.2010 as first installment for implementation of this project within a period of 36 months.