

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2995
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SETTING UP OF SCHOOL OF HABITAT STUDIES NO
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received request from the State Government of Kerala for financial assistance for setting up of Laurie Baker International School of Habitat Studies ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (c) the response of the Government thereto ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a) & (b): In March, 2009 the Government of Kerala addressed the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation regarding their proposal to develop Laurie Baker Nirmithi Training Research Institute as a centre of excellence in the field of research related to cost-effective construction and to impart training in alternate building technology, at national/international level at a financial outlay of Rs. 5 crores. In June, 2009 Government of Kerala forwarded to Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation two project proposals by the Kerala State Nirmithi Kendra:

- (i) on establishment of Laurie Baker International School of Habitat Studies (LABISHAS) and
- (ii) project for Innovative Building Materials.

(c): There is no ongoing scheme under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Poverty Alleviation for providing Central assistance for the proposal made by the Government of Kerala.