

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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TEA GARDEN TOURISM
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has earmarked sufficient funds for the development of tea garden tourism in the plantation areas of the mountain terrain in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including Kerala;
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to constitute any monitoring committee to ensure the correct working pattern of the same; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

- (a) & (b): Development and promotion of tourist destinations and products is primarily the responsibility of the respective State Governments/ Union Territory (UT) Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance (CFA) to various State Governments/Union Territory Administrations including Kerala for various tourism projects prioritized in consultation with them every year subject to availability of funds, inter-se priority and adherence to the scheme guidelines.
- (c) & (d): Ministry of Tourism monitors the implementation of projects through field inspections by the officers of the Ministry, periodical review meetings with the State Government/Union Territory Administration officers. Further, all States/Union Territories have set-up State Level Monitoring Committee (SLMC) which regularly reviews the progress of tourism infrastructure projects.