

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF TOURISM IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of schemes being implemented by the Government for promoting tourism in rural areas along with the funds allocated and utilised during each of the last three years and the current year, Scheme and State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the States for developing 'Micro Tourism Spots'; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof during the said period, project and State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI SHRIPAD NAIK)

(a): The Ministry of Tourism has a Rural Tourism Scheme with the main objective of showcasing rural life, art, culture and heritage in villages, which have core competence in art & craft, handloom, textiles, natural environment etc. Under this scheme, Central Financial Assistance (CFA) upto Rs.50.00 Lakh for infrastructure development and upto Rs.20.00 Lakh for capacity building is provided to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for each identified site by them. Details of the amount sanctioned and amount utilised during each of the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure.

(b)&(c): The Ministry of Tourism has no such Scheme.