### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF TOURISM

# LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4790 ANSWERED ON 22.07.2019

#### **AGRICULTURAL TOURISM PROJECTS**

#### 4790. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any agricultural tourism projects are going on in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to initiate a special project and package for agriculture tourism in Thrissur, Kerala where the agricultural university, Kerala Forest Research Institute and many unique kole wetlands are present;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to send a team to study about the possibility of such projects; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

## MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHRI PRAHLAD SINGH PATEL)

- (a) to (c): Identification and development of tourist sites/destinations/centres is primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. The Department of Tourism, Government of Kerala is implementing 'Green Farm Kerala' Scheme for promotion farm tourism. This scheme aims for preparing the farms/plantations in the State to receive tourists. Ministry of Tourism on its part has instituted a **National Tourism** Award in category of **'Best** the Rural/Agri/Plantation Tourism Projects' to motivate the stakeholders in the tourism sector for implementing such projects.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.

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