

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
FINANCE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2648  
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ASSISTANCE TO KERALA  
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is planning to provide special assistance to Kerala for the rejuvenation of industries and;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): Under the Scheme of Fund for Regeneration of Traditional Industries (SFURTI) 100 clusters of traditional industries are being taken up. Of the 100 clusters proposed 5 would be in Kerala for benefiting coir, khadi and village industries. Provision is being enhanced for the Mahila Coir Yojana Scheme for Kerala and for the release of arrears under Market Development Assistance.