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**Thiruvananthapuram:** Tourism minister Kadakampally Surendran on Friday laid the foundation for a Rs 37.5-crore project to build Tourism Bhavan on the premises of government guest house, Thycaud, in the capital.

The minister also launched the work on a Rs 22.5-crore project to build an additional block at the state guest house, and the renovation of the existing building. Surendran also presented the ISO certification secured by four government guest houses and their restaurants. These are the government guest houses at Ernakulam, Kollam, Kannur and Sultan Bathery.

Tourism Bhavan will bring under one roof offices of all subsidiary wings of the tourism department. It will accommodate offices of Kerala tourism infrastructure ltd (KTIL), eco-tourism directorate, food craft institute directorate, Thenmala eco-tourism promotion society and other agencies. The certification for guest houses and Yatri Nivas is provided by NABCB — the accredited agency of Quality



**UNDER ONE ROOF:** Tourism minister Kadakampally Surendran lays the foundation on Friday

Council of India — after a thorough scrutiny of all aspects of their quality and services.

The minister said the state is aiming at securing ISO certification for all government guest houses by improving their facilities and quality of service to match them with world standards by March 15 this year. All the guest houses have completed the necessary formalities by improving their facilities and quality of service to match them with national standards and are awaiting the final visit of audit teams, he added.

The renovation works at Thycaud guest house will include construction of world-class rest rooms, state-of-the-art electrification and lighting, interior designs, better air conditioning and landscaping.