

MINESH RATHOD DRIVER (KENYA)

Minesh Rathod drove in a Mitsubishi Colt Lancer GSR in the 2007 KQ E.A Safari Classic Rally. This entry number was coincidence, but should have been a good omen. In 1974 the Safari surprise winner was Joginder Singh in an unlikely Mitsubishi Colt Lancer, identical model to the Minesh's one! Singh may have won the Safari before in a Volvo, but the Lancer was a surprise choice and so far off the list of favourites, that he won with the high seeding of N°46. This time after rolling down the Usambara Mountains and still making it to the finish, Minesh will be out to unravel the mystic that lies in his colt!



With his experience in the local rallying, having participated in the 2005 event as well and his team combination with Sachin, he has entered the 2009 safari classic with a renewed hope of sorting out the Usambaras' spirits!

SACHIN SUMARIA CO-DRIVER



Sachin knows too well the role of a navigator when it comes to the local rallies. Having been in the 2007 K.Q East African Safari Rally Sachin has accumulated immense experience to tackle the 2009 event.

His driving with Minesh is a common combination in the local national championship.

During the last event, he remember too well the roll down the Usambara Mountains, where he will definitely not wish to repeat in the 2009 event!

CAR DETAILS



Mitsubishi Lancer

The Colt Minesh will be driving went off in the Usambaras and rolled seven times down the hill into a tea plantation. The crew was virtually unhurt and when the sweeper car came along they helped them roll the car another four times down onto a road amongst the tea bushes and then towed them out of the section. Their service crew linked up with them and still managed to get to the podium for the finish! They are back again, with a stronger resolve.