

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.351**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017

**KUTTANAD PACKAGE**

351. PROF. K.V. THOMAS:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Kuttanad Package for Kerala has been fully implemented;
- (b) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government for the timely implementation of the Kuttanad Package?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (c): The Government had granted 'in-principle' approval in July, 2008 for providing financial support amounting to Rs.1840.75 crore for implementing various programmes/ interventions suggested by M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation for development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco-system. The programme/ interventions were to be implemented by the concerned Ministries/Departments within their existing schemes and funding pattern, for which, the Government of Kerala was required to submit proposals after formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the concerned Ministries/Departments. The programmes/ interventions involving financial outlay upto Rs.50 lakhs were to be implemented by the State Government of Kerala from their own funds under their schemes.

Implementation period of Kuttanad package ended in July, 2012. The Government has not extended the period, but has advised the State Government to implement the approved activities of Kuttanad package under various on-going schemes/programmes of Government of India like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) etc.

As on June, 2016, out of Rs.1268.13 crore sanctioned for implementation of various programmes and activities, Rs.789.39 crore has been released, and out of which, Rs.773.81 crore has been utilized so far.

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