

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1860

ANSWERED ON 14.12.2023

WATER-LOGGING IN KUTTANAD REGION

1860. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH

Will the Minister of **JAL SHAKTI** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the recurring water-logging in paddy polders of upper and lower Kuttanad region in Kerala owing to faulty and unrenovated bunds and shortage of adequate channels for rerouting excess rainwater and as a fallout of floods of 2018;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has identified this issue and released any funds under flood management programme for Kuttanad taluk in Kerala during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government has received any report from the Government of Kerala in this regard; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI

(SHRI BISHWESWAR TUDU)

(a) The State Government of Kerala has informed that Kuttanad region experiences water logging during monsoon every year and large area of paddy cultivation gets water logged due to breach of outer bunds of paddy polders of upper and lower Kuttanad region.

(b) & (c) 4 nos. of flood management projects for Kuttanad region of Kerala were approved during XI plan under centrally sponsored scheme, namely, Flood Management Programme and central assistance of Rs. 137.95 crore has been released to State Government. The State Government has also implemented 463 no. of works in Kuttanad region utilizing SDRF funds amounting to Rs. 14.53 crore since 2018.

(d) & (e) State Government has submitted a list of 10 nos. new projects to Central Water Commission (CWC) for Kuttanad region. CWC has asked State Government to submit the Detailed Project Report of projects alongwith clearance of State Technical Advisory Committee.
