

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 616
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 6TH FEBRUARY, 2024

DESTRUCTION OF CROPS

616. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of destruction of crops including paddy due to flash floods resulting from climate change and other factors including water logging in paddy fields of kuttanad region of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether any relief package has been announced for paddy farmers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the compensation paid during the last three years and the current year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (d): The State Government of Kerala has not reported crop area affected due to hydro-meteorological calamities/hazards during 2023-24 (as on 11.12.2023).

The primary responsibility for disaster management rests with the State Governments. The State Governments provide financial relief to the affected people in the wake of notified disasters from the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF), already placed at their disposal. However, in the event of disaster of a severe nature, additional financial assistance is extended from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF), as per the laid down procedure, which includes an assessment based on the visit of an Inter-Ministerial

Central Team (IMCT). Under the extant guidelines of SDRF and NDRF, relief is provided to the affected people for the damages caused due to notified natural calamities and not for compensation of loss suffered/claimed. Details of Funds allocated to the State Government of Kerala under SDRF from 2020-21 to 2023-24, are as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Allocation under SDRF	
	Central Share	State Share
2020-21	251.20	84.00
2021-22	251.20	84.00
2022-23	264.00	88.00
2023-24	277.60	92.00

The State Government of Kerala has not submitted any memorandum seeking financial assistance from NDRF for hydro-meteorological calamities/hazards during 2023-24 (so far).
