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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3563
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2019

PROTECTION OF PADDY FIELDS

3563. SHRI T.N. PRATHAPAN:

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

- (a) the details of the special fund provided by the Union Government for preservation of Thrissur-Ponnani kole fields which are among the largest paddy fields in Kerala State;
- (b) whether the Government will allocate more funds for further phases of the project;
- (c) the details of the Union Government's initiatives to protect paddy fields in the country; and
- (d) the details of fund allocations to Kerala for preserving paddy fields of the State during 2014-2019 period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): In order to preserve Thrissur-Ponnani kole fields, the Government of India has allocated funds for integrated Kole Development Project in Thrissur-Ponnani Kole wet lands through Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) & Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD).

Along with assistance for infrastructure development, RKVY is also promoting fallow land cultivation and pokkali cultivation in Kerala.

Similarly, National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Rice is being implemented in the identified districts of the country including Kerala with the objective of increasing the production and productivity of rice. Under the programme, assistance is being provided for various interventions like demonstrations on latest crop production technologies, seed distribution of latest HYVs/Hybrids, Integrated Nutrient & Pest Management (IPM), water conservation devices, farm implements/ tools and capacity building of farmers through the State Governments.

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Further, the institutes/research centres of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), Thrissur viz., Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Thrissur, Regional Agricultural Research Station, Pattambi in Palakkad district, Rice Research Station Moncompu in Kuttanad belt of Alapuzha district and Rice Research Station, Vyttila (voluntary centre of rice) undertake research and extension activities on all aspects of rice cultivation viz. crop improvement, crop protection and crop management. These research & development activities help to preserve paddy fields in Kerala.

The details of funds for the Kole Projects sanctioned under RKVY, RIDF & NFSM from the year 2014-15 to 2019-20 are **Annexed**.

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1. List of Kole Projects under RKVY for Kerala

Sr No	Project Name	Year	Total Cost (in Crores)
1	Widening the bund at Varattukole in the eastern side boundary bund of Chettupuzhapadasekharam, Varattukolepadavu in Arimbur Gramapanchayath.	2014-15	1.64
2	Fish/Prawn culture in padasekharams/Kole fields – Phase II	2015-16	2.00
3	Project for Developing lift irrigation Units for paddy Cultivation in Umayattukara Padasekharam of Thiruvananthapuram Panchayat	2015-16	0.6040
4	Productivity improvement of paddy	2015-16	81.0000
5	Revitalization of Pokkali – Paddy Cultivation	2015-16	3.9715
6	Fish/prawn culture in padasekharams/Kole fields	2016-17	4.00
7	Promoting paddy cultivation in fallow lands	2016-17	1.5000
8	Construction of leading channel at pullazhi kole padavu thrissur corporation	2017-18	1.01
9	Productivity improvement of paddy in Kerala state 2017-18	2017-18	45.0000

Note:- Data entered by State Govt. on RKVY MIS

2 Funds provided under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) for Kole Development

Rs. in crore

S. No.	RIDF Tranche	Project Name	District	Date of sanction	Area covered (Ha)	Total Financial Outlay	RIDF Loan	State Govt. share	Total disbursement under RIDF as on date
1	XX (2014-15)	Integrated Development of Kole Wetlands in Kerala	Thrissur	16-01-2015	4000	79.29	75.33	3.96	50.99
2	XXII (2016-17)	Integrated Development of Kole Land (Phase III)	Thrissur	29-12-2016	2500	26.55	25.22	1.33	5.04
	Total				6500	105.84	100.55	5.29	56.03

3 National Food Security Mission (NFSM) -Rice

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation (GOI share)
2014-15	3.15
2015-16	1.50
2016-17	1.46
2017-18	1.05
2018-19	0.93
2019-20	0.90
