

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF JAL SHAKTI,  
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT & GANGA REJUVENATION  
**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 738**  
ANSWERED ON 21.11.2019

**KUTTANAD INLAND FARING REGION**

738. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH

Will the Minister of JAL SHAKTI be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has allocated and released any funds for the purpose of strengthening of the outer bunds of Kuttanad inland faring region in Kerala State during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the quantum of funds allocated and released for the purpose, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Union Government has received any request from the Government of Kerala in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the response of the Union Government thereon;
- (e) whether the Union Government is aware that the strengthening of outer bunds is necessary to protect the paddy farming in Kuttanad which is a below mean sea level farming zone; and
- (f) if so, the details of action taken in this regard so far?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR JAL SHAKTI & SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT  
(SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA)

(a) & (b) Four Projects in the Kuttanad region of Kerala were approved during XI Plan under Flood Management Programme (FMP) of the Ministry. The details of Central Assistance (CA) released during last three years is as under:

S. No.	Scheme	Central Assistance released in Rs. Crores			Total Central Assistance released till date in Rs. Crores
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	
1.	KEL-1 Mitigation of Flood in Group-I (Padasekharams) in Kuttanad region	-	1.29		11.20
2.	KEL-2 Regulation of flood water in Kayal area, 4 padasekharams and Mitigation of floods in group 9, 5 nos. Padasekharams in Kuttanad region	-	-	-	65.86
3.	KEL-3 Mitigation of floods in Kuttanad region – Phase-I (group 2-5, 7, 8, 10-19), 231 padasekharams (paddy fields)	-	17.76	-	49.64
4.	KEL-4 Mitigation of floods in Onattukara region comprising of 12 watersheds in Kerala State	-	-	-	11.25

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(c) & (d) No proposal for release of outstanding Central Assistance in respect of these four projects, as per extant guidelines of FMP, has been received from the State Government of Kerala in this Ministry, in the current Financial year 2019-20.

(e) & (f) Union Government is aware that the strengthening of outer bunds is necessary to protect the paddy farming in Kuttanad which is below mean sea level farming zone. The flood management schemes are formulated and implemented by concerned States as per their priority. The Union Government supplements the efforts of the States by providing technical advice and promotional financial assistance for management of floods in critical areas. Considering the situation in Kuttanad area above four projects were approved under FMP of Union Government wherein, outer bunds were strengthened in an area about 16000 hectares.

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