

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2571
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH DECEMBER, 2015

KUTTANADU PACKAGE

2571. SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

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

- (a) whether the implementation of Kuttanadu Package in Kerala has been completed;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total amount of money spent by the Government so far for Kuttanadu Package, along with the components of the package;
- (d) whether the State Government of Kerala has requested to extend the time for the Kuttanadu Package and enhance the allocation; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (e): 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. The detailed projects reports have been prepared for the activities recommended by the M. S. Swaminathan Research Foundation. As on August, 2015, out of Rs.1268.13 crore sanctioned for implementation of various programmes and activities, Rs.606.08 crore and Rs.569.22 crore have been released and utilized respectively.

A request of Government of Kerala was received for extension of implementation period. Implementation of Kuttanad package ended in July, 2012. However, 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 like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) etc.

Details of amount spent/utilized are annexed.

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(c): As on August, 2015, an amount of Rs.569.22 crore have been utilized. The details are as under:
(Amount in Crore)

Task	Details of Tasks	Amount utilized
A	Tasks pertaining to Irrigation Department	
1	Modernization of TMB	45.88
2	Improving the efficiency of the TSW and leading channel	0.54
3	Construction of AC canal	0.12
4	Supporting research study by a consortium of competent organizations on TMB operation and Kayal ecology	0.21
5	Restoration of KWS, Onattukara and Thuravoor-Pattanakkadu rivers, canals, drains and water bodies	12.04
6	Construction/strengthening of outer bunds	167.37
7	Provide infrastructure support to paddy cultivation	0.42
	Sub Total	226.58
B	Tasks pertaining to Agriculture Department	
1	Proposal for Agriculture Mechanization (Purchase of Pump-sets and agro-machinery for use by farmers of Kuttanad)	53.95
2	First paddy cultivation in Onattukara	4.10
3	First paddy cultivation in Onattukara under FSP scheme	1.65
4	Promotion of Sesamum cultivation in Onattukara region	0.20
5	Promotion of Sesamum cultivation in Onattukara region under FSP scheme	0.26
6	Project Proposal for Production & Distribution of quality seeds	4.52
7	Support to Research Stations for soil test based fertilizer application	0.20
8	Distribution of Soil Health Cards to Farmers in Kuttanad	0.06
9	Pest forecasting and early warning service	0.16
10	Project on CAP Storage structures in Kuttanad	1.09
11	Training youths in skilled agricultural jobs	0.23
12	Proposal for establishing and supporting agriculture clinics in Kuttanad	1.11
13	Production bonus enhancement in Purakkad kari	0.20
14	Project for integrated management of coconut holdings and enhancement of productivity in Kuttanad region submitted to Coconut Development Board	11.88
15	Project for revamping of dewatering system for flood control & agriculture development of R Block Kayal	1.50
	Sub Total	81.11
C	Tasks pertaining to State Horticulture Mission	
1	On farm income enhancement from Garden Land of Kuttanad with Horticulture	6.49
2	Value addition in cluster based market linked activities in Horticultural Sector of Kuttanad	2.84
	Sub Total	9.33

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D	Tasks pertaining to Kerala Agriculture University	
1	Promotion location-specific research for encouraging profitability from rice farming and enhancing livelihood security of farmers	3.91
2	Strengthening of Regional Agriculture Research Station, Kayamkulam	1.19
3	Promotion semisolid sugarcane jaggery in upper Kuttanad region	0.39
4	Productivity enhancement by energy efficient biodiversity based farming models in Kuttanad	3.29
5	Environmental surveillance centre for wetland farming system in Kuttanad	2.45
6	Establishment of Centre for Farm Machinery Research, Development and Training	2.44
7	R&D for eradication & utilization of water hyacinth	2.58
	Sub Total	16.25
E	Tasks pertaining to Animal Husbandry Department	
1	The capacity of Duck Hatchery at Niranam	0.18
2	Providing insurance cover to ducks-subsidy on premium	0.05
3	Induction of High Yielding Animals 2000 nos.	3.00
4	Project from Female calf rearing 1000 nos.	0.73
	Sub Total	3.96
F	Tasks pertaining to Kerala Livestock Development Board	
1	Project for Artificial Insemination	1.27
2	Project for estrous synchronization	0.22
3	Introduction of Goat units in Kuttanad	1.47
	Sub Total	2.96
G	Tasks relating to Fisheries Department & ADAK & MATSYAFED	
1	Paddy fish integration for economic and ecological security and farmers' training	0.81
2	Cluster based Cage Culture	0.40
3	Ranching, involving large-scale hatchery-reared production of post-larvae	0.20
4	Fish hatcheries for raising adequate quality fingerlings	0.15
5	Fresh water prawn and karimeen urgent conservation measures	0.25
6	Group based enterprise on ornamental fish culture	0.12
7	Cold storage facility for the fishing communities	0.23
8	Training and capacity building of fishermen and fingerlings production, improving sanitation and hygiene in processing units	0.20
	Sub Total	2.36
H	Tasks relating to Environment - Forest Department, FIRMA	
1	Project to augment the Pathiramanal mangrove forests	0.27
2	Eradication & utilization of water hyacinth	14.31
	Sub Total	14.58
I	Tasks relating to Tourism Department	
1	Upgradation of Tourist facilitation centre & promotion of farm tourism	0.12
	Sub Total	0.12
J	13th Finance Commission	
1	Proposal for improving the ecosystem Kuttanad as Special Agriculture Zone	211.97
	Sub Total	211.97
	Grand Total	569.22