

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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WAYANAD PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has announced `Wayanad Package` for the development of agriculture and benefit of farmers in the region;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the package is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): On 29-11-2006, Government of India approved a special rehabilitation package amounting to Rs.765.24 crore to mitigate the distress of farmers in three identified suicide prone districts namely, Wayanad, Palakkad & Kasaragod of Kerala. The rehabilitation package aims at establishing a sustainable and viable farming and livelihood support system through debt relief to farmers, improved supply of institutional credit, crop centric approach to agriculture, assured irrigation facilities, watershed management, better extension and farming support services and subsidiary income opportunities through horticulture, livestock, dairying, fisheries etc. The Government has granted extension of the period for implementation of the non- credit components of the package by two more years i.e. up to 30-09-2011.