

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION PROJECT IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether drinking water and sanitation projects are being implemented in Kuttanadu, Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the amount released for these projects during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has sought any financial assistance from Japan International Co-operation Agency for the Kuttanadu Drinking Water and Sanitation Project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Kerala Water Authority has submitted the detailed project report in this regard; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a)&(b): The Ministry of Drinking Water & Sanitation administers through the States the centrally sponsored scheme, National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) previously Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) for providing access to safe drinking water to the rural areas in the States/ UTs. Under the NRDWP, the Central Government provides financial and technical assistance to the States to supplement their efforts to provide drinking water. The State Governments are vested with powers to plan, approve, execute and implement drinking water supply schemes under NRDWP.

As informed by the state government of Kerala, a drinking water project, "Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme in Kuttanad" under the revised submission scheme of ARWSP for water quality is under implementation. The project cost is Rs. 507.00 lakhs. Government of India has released Rs. 311.00 lakhs in 2006-07 and Rs. 393.00 lakhs in 2007-08 towards revised sub-mission schemes for water quality including the Kuttanad project.

Release of funds made to Kerala state under the ARWSP/ NRDWP during the last three years and the current year is as given below:

(Rupees in crore)

Year	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12
Amount	106.97	151.89	159.83	37.54

For sanitation, the Government of India administers the Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), a comprehensive programme started in the year 1999 to ensure sanitation facilities in rural areas with the main goal of eradicating the practice of open defecation and ensuring clean environment. The main components are construction of Individual Household Latrines (IHL), School / Aganwadi Toilets, Community Sanitary Complex (CSC), Solid and Liquid Waste management (SLWM) and Information, Education and Communication (IEC). Total Sanitation Campaign is a demand driven project based programme taking district as a unit. At present, there are 607 rural district projects in the country that includes the district of Alappuzha in Kerala where Kuttanadu region is located. The district had sanitation coverage of 76.93% as per census 2001. After the successful implementation of TSC, the district attained 100% sanitation coverage by the year 2005-06 as reported by the district on the online data monitoring system maintained by the Ministry.

Fund released to Alappuzha district of Kerala under TSC during last three years and current year is as under:

S. No. Year Fund released (Rs. in lakh)

1.	2008-09	0
2.	2009-10	0
3.	2010-11	1.99
4.	2011-12 (Up to July, 2011)	23.19

(c)&(d): The Government of Kerala had forwarded a concept paper and preliminary engineering report for 14 Gram Panchayats of Kuttanadu taluk - `Integrated Water and Sanitation Project to Kuttanadu` for posing for funding from Japan International Cooperation Agency - Overseas Development Assistance. The same was examined by the Ministry and certain clarifications on the project and a revised concept note have been sought from the State government. This Ministry is yet to receive the same from the Government of Kerala.

(e)&(f): No, Sir.