GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3047 ANSWERED ON:13.12.2011 COMPENSATION TO ENDOSULFAN VICTIMS Dhanaplan Shri K. P.;Karunakaran Shri P.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any directions from the National Human Rights Commission has been received for the rehabilitation measures in endosulfan affected areas of Kerala especially Kasargod area;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Union Government thereon;
- (c) whether the Union Government has declared any special package for the relief and remedial measures of victims of Endosulfan; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

- (a) to (d): The National Human Right Commission (NHRC), taking suo motu cognizance of newspaper report titled 'Crippled Kerala villagers cry for endosulfan ban' published in 'The Hindustan Times' dated 16.11.2010, gave two sets of recommendations in its proceedings held on 31.12.2010 which include supplementing the efforts of Government of Kerala (and of other State Government where victims of endosulfan use are found) in the provision of relief and long term rehabilitation. The Union Government has received a proposal from State Government for relief and rehabilitation programmes and has taken the following steps:
- (1) A Committee was constituted which visited the affected villages of Kerala and inter alia recommended regular monitoring to collect water, soil, human/animal blood samples and development of family focused community centered rehabilitation training programme.
- (2) All activities proposed by the State Government in the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) Plan for Kasargod district have been approved.
- (3) The State Government has been requested to consider undertaking some additional activities in kasargod district out of cushion of Rs.4.49 crore available in the resource envelop of Kerala.