

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:49

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IDUKKI PACKAGE

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of implementation of the Idukki package;
- (b) the details of funds released so far for Wayanadu, Kuttanadu and Idukki packages of Kerala;
- (c) whether the State Government of Kerala has suggested any changes in the package;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the projects submitted are pending for approval; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a): Government of India approved Idukki Package with an outlay of 765 crores. State Government has submitted project proposals worth Rs.396 crores out of which project worth Rs.234 crores have been sanctioned and Rs.104 crore released under the ongoing schemes.

(b): So far, Rs.104 crore has been released for Idukki package and Rs.83 crore has been released for Kuttanad package of Kerala. There is no separate package for Wayanad. However, Wayanad is one of the identified district under the Prime Minister's special rehabilitation package implemented in three identified districts of Kerala, As on 30.06.2011, Rs.428.79 crore has been released under the Prime Minister's special rehabilitation package implemented in three identified districts of Kerala.

(c) & (d): The Government of Kerala has suggested some changes in the conditions attached to some of the programmes under Idukki Package, the details of which is given below:

(i) Some of the roads proposed under the task Rural Connectivity of Idukki Package, were out of the purview of Prime Minister's Gramin Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) guidelines. Government of Kerala has decided to fund the task under Rural Infrastructure Development Fund (RIDF) scheme implemented by National Bank for agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) over and above the proposals sanctioned as per the PMGSY Scheme.

(ii) Government of Kerala has revised the project for watershed development prepared by Soil Conservation Department for Rs.80 crore as per the guidelines of Integrated Watershed Management Programme.

(iii) Government of Kerala has submitted a comprehensive project for the livestock development in Idukki district under the package with a financial outlay of Rs.497.07 crore, with a view to convert idukki district in to a milk district.

(e) & (f): A comprehensive Project for Rs.497.07 crore aimed at converting Idukki into a 'Milk District' of the State under Idukki Package which is pending for approval with the department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government of India.