

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PEPPER PRODUCTION PROGRAMME IN IDUKKI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received proposals from the State Government of Kerala for monocropping/ mixed cropping of pepper in coconut and arecanut gardens;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has also received any request for increasing the allocation of funds for implementation of the Project on Pepper Production Programme in Idukki under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM);
- (d) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (e) the details of funds released and utilised under the programme during the last two years and the current year?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government of Kerala have submitted Annual Action Plan for the year 2012-13 in which they have proposed to establish new pepper gardens in 750 hectares during 2012-13 under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

(c) & (d): Pepper production programme in Idukki district of Kerala was approved for implementation through Spices Board during 2009-10 over a period of five years at a total cost of Rs. 230.58 crore, including assistance of Rs.120.00 crore under NHM.

(e): The details of funds released and utilized during last two years and current year are as under:

(Rs. in crore)

Year Release Expenditure

2009-10	14.00	5.91
2010-11	3.00	10.47
2011-12	10.00	11.07