

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the implementation of the Idukki package;
- (b) if so, the present status of the package;
- (c) the details of funds released and utilised so far;
- (d) whether any projects submitted under the package are pending for approval; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): Government of India has approved the package with financial outlay of Rs. 764.65 crore for mitigating agrarian distress in Idukki district of Kerala as a part of rehabilitation package for the farmers in suicide prone districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra and Kerala. The package has inbuilt 3 tier mechanism consisting of Idukki Aiswarya Samity chaired by the Chief Minister at the Apex level, Idukki Karma Samity chaired by the Chief Secretary at the intermediate level and Project Management Committee under the chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner for reviewing the progress of implementation of the package on regular basis.

As reported by the State Government of Kerala, detailed project reports amounting Rs. 396.60 crore has been submitted, out of which projects amounting Rs. 238.92 crore have been sanctioned. Rs.110.19 crore has been released, and Rs. 79.06 crore has been utilized out of the sanctioned amount.

(d) & (e): As reported by the State Government following project proposals have been submitted to the concerned agencies for approval:-

- (i) Growers Assured Income Scheme for Cardamom submitted to M/o Commerce.
- (ii) Providing additional incentive for tea growers submitted to Tea Board.
- (iii) Project proposal for coffee growers submitted to M/o Commerce through Coffee Board.
- (iv) Project proposal for Inter cropping in Coconut Garden submitted to Coconut Development Board.