

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDY FOR MARKET INTERVENTION OPERATION SCHEME
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted a proposal for grant of Rs. 200 crore as Central Subsidy for Market Intervention Operation Scheme (MIOS) for essential commodities;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the response of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the details of the financial aid provided to the Government of Kerala as subsidy for MIOS during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Govt. of Kerala has requested for sanction of an amount of Rs. 200 crore as Central Subsidy for Market Intervention Operation (MIO) Scheme. Alternatively the State Government has requested for making this scheme as Central Sector Scheme fully funded by Central Government.

(b)&(c): Department of Food & Public Distribution does not provide any financial assistance/subsidy under Market Intervention Operation (MIO) Scheme. However, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) implements Marketing Intervention Scheme (MIS) on the request of a State /UT Government for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities, which are generally perishable in nature and are not covered under Price Support Scheme. During the last year, DAC has not implemented any MIS in the State of Kerala.