

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE FOR AGRARIAN DISTRESS DISTRICTS

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposals under Prime Minister's Package for Agrarian Distress Districts in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds allocated and released under the scheme to the State during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the time by which the pending proposals are likely to be approved?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) to (d) Under the approved "Rehabilitation Package for the Farmers in Suicide Prone Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra", six major and medium irrigation projects of Kerala were identified for assistance under Accelerated Irrigation Benefits Programme (AIBP). So far, Rs. 2.72 crores for Karapuzha Irrigation Project and Rs.0.91 for Kanhirapuzha Irrigation Project have been released to Government of Kerala during 2006-07 and 2008-09 respectively. The proposal for AIBP assistance in respect of remaining projects have not been received from the Government of Kerala. Subsequently, specific activities related to mitigation of agrarian distress in Kuttanad district of Kerala were also approved in July 2008 and that for agrarian distress in Idukki district in November as part of Rehabilitation Package for the Farmers in Suicide Prone Districts of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala and Maharashtra. A proposal related to "Supporting Research by a Consortium of Competent Organizations on "TMB Operation and Kayal Ecology" has been submitted by Government of Kerala. The proposal has since been approved by Ministry of Water Resources and Rs. 14.00 lakhs has been released as first installment for the study. No other proposal of Government of Kerala is pending in the Ministry of Water Resources.