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

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government for speedy implementation of the Kuttanadu Package of Kerala;

(b) the present status of implementation of the Kuttanadu Package;

(c) whether the Union Government has released the funds for the Package; and

(d) if so, the details of the funds released by the Government and utilized since the approval of the Kuttanadu Package?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (d): The Government had granted 'in-principle' approval in July, 2008 for providing financial support amounting to Rs.1840.75 crore for implementing various programmes/interventions suggested by M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation for development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco-system. The programme/interventions were to be implemented by the concerned Ministries/Departments within their existing schemes and funding pattern for which the Government of Kerala was required to submit proposals after formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the concerned Ministries/Departments. The programmes/interventions involving financial outlay upto Rs.50 lakhs were to be implemented by the State Government of Kerala from their own funds under their schemes.

Implementation period of Kuttanad package ended in July, 2012. The Govern- ment has not extended the period but has advised the State Government to implement the approved activities of Kuttanad package under various on-going schemes/programmes of Government like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) etc.

As on December, 2014, out of Rs.1270.22 crore sanctioned for implementation of various programmes and activities, Rs.533.56 crore and Rs.421.66 crore have been released and utilized respectively.