

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4795
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the present status of implementation of Idukki package introduced for mitigating the agrarian distress in Kerala;
- (b) the details of the amount allocated and utilised under this package so far;
- (c) whether the Government has a proposal to extend the period of the package, and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government proposes to provide financial assistance to the cardamom and pepper farmers in Idukki, and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) & (b): In November, 2008, the Government of India granted 'in-principle' approval for providing financial assistance of Rs.764.45 crore for mitigating the agrarian distress in Idukki District of Kerala. Implementation period of the package has ended in November, 2013. As on June 2014, project proposals worth of Rs.455.86 crore have been sanctioned out of which Rs.250.72 crore has been released and Rs.198.62 crore has been utilised.
- (c): No such proposal is under consideration.
- (d): The programme/intervention approved under the Idukki package inter-alia, included addressing distress of farmers due to cardamom and pepper cultivation involving financial outlay of Rs.194.00 crore