

**Re : Need to grant financial assistance to farmers suffering from crop loss in Idukki-laid**

**ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE (IDUKKI):** There has been large scale crop loss and distress caused during the last summer in Idukki. There was water shortage, which led to loss of crops like Cardamom and other plantation including famed Spices of Idukki. Idukki produces about 70 percent of India's spices and it is crucial that the farmers are shielded from damage caused by climate change. Immediate action has been taken in the form of financial assistance to help the farmers of Idukki who have suffered crop loss due to water shortage and heat in last summer. Idukki has also suffered great crop loss due to wild animal attacks. Last year, we have suffered losses around Rs. 250 crore due to this. No definitive action has been taken so far. If unmitigated, this will have far reaching consequences for the livelihood of people as well as economy of the nation. I urge upon the Government to take immediate action and issue financial assistance to tackle farmers who have suffered from climate change as well as wild animal attacks.