

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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CASH CROPS SECTOR IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal from Government of Kerala for a special package for the development of cash crops sectors;
- (b) if so, details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken by the Union Government on the proposal?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) The Government has received a proposal from Government of Kerala for revival/rejuvenation of various agricultural crops which also included proposal for revival of plantation crops in Kerala. The Union Cabinet has, on a proposal made to the Agricultural Department, already approved a special rehabilitation package in this regard for farmers in 31 disturbed districts of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Maharashtra. The Cabinet has also approved the approach suggested by the Agriculture Department with respect to rejuvenation of plantations, paddy lands and coconut cultivation in Alappuzha and Idukki districts of Kerala.