

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF CASH CROPS SECTOR IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any proposal for a special package for the development of cash crops sector from the Government of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken by the Union Government, thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Government of Kerala has submitted a special package for suicide prone districts of the State. The Union Government has approved a rehabilitation package for three suicide prone districts of the State of Kerala aiming at establishing a sustainable and viable farming and livelihood support system through debt relief to farmers, improved supply of institutional credit, crop centric approach to agriculture including cash crops, assured irrigation facilities, watershed management, better extension and farming support services, improved marketing facilities and subsidiary income opportunities through horticulture, livestock, dairying and fisheries.

Besides, the National Horticulture Mission is under implementation in the state of Kerala for the development of horticulture including cash crops.