

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FARMING CONDITIONS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has approved a special plan of improving the farming conditions in Idukki and Alapuzha Districts of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the funds allocated/released/utilized for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The plan of action includes:-

- (i) Constitution of a multi-disciplinary team to study and suggest programmes for preservation and development of Kuttanad wetlands and Alappuzha district;
 - (ii) Launch of programme for rejuvenation of plantation crops in a Mission mode;
 - (iii) Revival of coconut cultivation in Kerala;
 - (iv) Construction of new fishing harbours in the State; and
 - (v) Institutional credit coverage to all eligible farmers of these two districts.
- (c): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.