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Title: Need to release balance funds announced under Kuttanad Package for mitigation of floods and regulation of flood water in Kuttanadu region of Kerala.

SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH (MAVELIKKARA): Government of India has announced Kuttanad Package for the mitigation of floods and regulation of flood water in the Padashekharams in Kuttanadu region of Kerala. Though the scheme was announced during 2008, the scheme was implemented during 2011. The total project cost for mitigation of flood under KEL -1 and 2 is Rs. 143.61 crore out of which Central government has released Rs 22.42 crore only. The work has been held up due to the non- release of balance amount of Rs.85.18 crore. The modernization work of Thannermukkam Bund for Rs.255.335 crore could not be taken up due to non " approval of the project. The work has been delayed due to various reasons and could not be completed within the stipulated time. Hence, I submit that the time-limit to complete the works under KEL -1 and 2 may be extended and the balance amount may be released immediately. The people of Kuttanadu are unable to start their cultivation due to the delay in the works for mitigation of flood water.