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8.	Fish hatcheries for raising adequate quality fingerlines	0.60
9.	Fresh water prawn and karimeen urgent conservation measures	0.25
10.	Group based enterprise on ornamental fish culture	0.12
11.	Cold storage facility for the fishing communities	0.30
12.	Training and capacity building of fishermen and fingerlings production, improving sanitation and hygiene in processing units in processing units in Kuttanad	0.20
Sub Total		9.50
Grand Total		1840.75

(c) and (d) Government has approved financial allocation Rs. 1840.75 crore for implementation of various programmes/interventions for development of Kuttanad Wetland Eco-system. These programmes/interventions are to be implemented by the concerned Ministries/Departments within their existing schemes and funding pattern for which the Government of Kerala will after identifying the activities to be undertaken, submit appropriate proposals after formulation of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) to the concerned Ministries/Departments of the Government of India in accordance with the approved guidelines/procedures for such schemes for release of necessary funds. The Government has also approved that the programmes/interventions involving financial outlay upto Rs. 50 lakhs will be implemented by the State Government of Kerala from their own funds under their schemes.

Foreign aid for research in agriculture-sector

24. SHRI PRABHAT JHA:
SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the financial assistance from foreign countries for the research and development of agriculture is continuously declining;

(b) if so, the details of the foreign aid for the last three years and how much utilized so far;

(c) whether Government is taking any measures to increase the financial assistance from abroad; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Agriculture is a priority area for the Government of India. As per information available, assistance from the World Bank which was US \$ 143 million under National Agricultural Technology Project (1998 – 2005) has been increased to US \$ 200 million under National Agricultural Innovation Project (2006 – 2012).

Scarcity and high price of fertilizers

25. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reported scarcity and high price of fertilizers in Southern States putting farmers into difficulties;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken to meet the requirements of fertilizers to farmers in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) to (c) Under Fertilizer Control Order, 1985, the State Governments have been empowered to check selling price of fertilizers and take action against the offenders. Urea is the only fertilizer which is under partial distribution control. Department of Fertilizer monitors availability of Urea and the de-controlled fertilizers like DAP, MOP and NPK in the States. The requirement and availability of Urea, DAP, MOP and NPK fertilizers in the Southern States during Kharif 2008 is as under:-

UREA (in lakh tonnes)

States	Requirement	Availability	Sales
Andhra Pradesh	13.50	14.20	13.64
Karnataka	8.00	7.47	7.39
Kerala	0.75	1.02	0.96
Tamil Nadu	4.35	4.53	4.49

DAP (in lakh tonnes)

States	Requirement	Availability	Sales
Andhra Pradesh	4.25	5.35	5.35
Karnataka	3.80	4.30	4.29
Kerala	0.20	0.13	0.12
Tamil Nadu	2.10	1.92	1.91

MOP (in lakh tonnes)

States	Requirement	Availability	Sales
Andhra Pradesh	2.50	3.17	3.14
Karnataka	2.30	3.06	2.91
Kerala	0.70	0.94	0.89
Tamil Nadu	2.00	2.73	2.69