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Agrarian crisis in Kerala

2188. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

SHRI P.R. RAJAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kerala submitted scheme/package to the Planning Commission during 2006 for relief to the people of four districts of Kerala that are badly hit by agrarian crisis;

(b) if so, the present status of the above package/scheme;

(c) if so, whether above representation also sought to include Idukki and Kasargod districts in the first phase of NREGP and Backward districts grant fund; and

(d) if so, the action taken on the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING
(SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In this context, it is learnt that the Ministry of Agriculture, GoI is working out the rehabilitation package for the identified districts of Kerala, on the lines of the package that has been announced for the Vidharba region of Maharashtra.

(c) and (d) For implementation of National Rural Employment Guarantee Programme (NREGP), 200 districts have been identified throughout the country in the first phase and the programme has been launched on 02.02.2006. Districts of Wayanad and Palakkad of Kerala have already been included in this list. In the representation Kerala Govt. have sought to include Idukki and Kasargod alongwith the districts of Wayanad and Palakkad which have already been chosen in the first phase. Since the selection of districts in the first phase is already over, inclusion of any other district can only be considered as and when the programme is extended in future.