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Alappuzha; Relief action, Damage assessment will be soon formed

Relief for some, peanuts for others



Alappuzha and Kottayam districts were the worst-hit, but Malappuram district got a lion's share of flood relief fund

Read as district, rainfall received (mm), percentage of departure, break-up of government's ₹113-crore relief fund allotment

| District | Rainfall (mm) | Percentage of departure | Relief fund allotment (₹ cr) |
|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Malappuram | 1429 (25% excess) | | ₹26.37 cr |
| Kottayam | 1507 (47% excess) | | ₹13.77 cr |
| Alappuzha | 1023 (21% excess) | | ₹10.31 cr |
| T'Puram | 484 (1% excess) | | ₹9.91 cr |
| Palakkad | 1221 (48% excess) | | ₹9.57 cr |
| Kannur | 1587 (5% excess) | | ₹7.75 cr |
| Kozhikode | 1742 (18% excess) | | ₹5.88 cr |
| Kasargod | 1439 (14% less) | | ₹5.86 cr |
| Ernakulam | 1576 (42% excess) | | ₹5.59 cr |
| Kollam | 811 (16% excess) | | ₹5.06 cr |
| P'Thitta | 1035 (15% excess) | | ₹4.06 cr |
| Idukki | 1639 (46% excess) | | ₹3.25 cr |
| Wayanad | 1581 (14% excess) | | ₹3.18 cr |
| Thrissur | 1154 (3% less) | | ₹2.96 cr |

WHAT THE MIN SAID

Revenue Minister E Chandrasekaran said the amount was sanctioned considering the destruction that happened during the entire monsoon season

Districts such as Alappuzha, Kottayam and Idukki witnessed large-scale destruction due to the late surge of monsoon, especially from July 9 to 18

So, there is no point in drawing parallel between Malappuram, which is the most populous, with others

Alappuzha and Kottayam will get assistance in proportion to the damage and destruction that occurred there based on the Revenue Dept assessment, he added

KSEB estimates property loss of over ₹25 cr

With the incessant rain followed by gusty winds triggering widespread damage in many parts of the state, the KSEB has estimated a property loss of more than ₹25 crore. According to its estimates till on Saturday, since the beginning of the southwest monsoon on May 29, around 24,166 electric poles got uprooted and as many as 250 transformers were damaged.

TOTAL DAMAGE

| District | Transformers damaged | Poles damaged | Total loss |
|----------------|----------------------|---------------|------------|
| T'Puram | 4 | 1,161 | ₹57.36 L |
| Kollam | 15 | 910 | ₹79.89 L |
| Pathanamthitta | 7 | 1,411 | ₹230.93 L |
| Kottayam | 9 | 1,432 | ₹106.68 L |
| Alappuzha | 10 | 1,033 | ₹115.39 L |
| Ernakulam | 20 | 1,305 | ₹226.68 L |
| Idukki | 14 | 2,031 | ₹192.23 L |
| Thrissur | 12 | 1,325 | ₹134.31 L |
| Palakkad | 20 | 2,349 | ₹288.74 L |
| Malappuram | 55 | 2,602 | ₹272.33 L |
| Kozhikode | 22 | 3,17 | ₹324.22 L |
| Wayanad | 0 | 678 | ₹32.97 L |
| Kannur | 12 | 2,723 | ₹245.93 L |
| Kasargod | 33 | 2,029 | ₹266.19 L |



● Rate of one transformer is ₹1 lakh

● Total loss of 233 transformers is ₹2.33 crore

● Rate of one electric pole is ₹4,000

● Thus loss of 24,166 poles is ₹9.66 crore

● Other loss includes damage of 2,748 km conductor (High Tension + Low Tension)

● As the rate of conductor per km is ₹50,000, the total loss has been pegged at ₹13.74 crore