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Compensation for crop loss to be paid soon

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Agriculture Minister V.S. Sunil Kumar has said that the government will soon provide compensation to farmers who have suffered crop loss in the southwest monsoon fury.

An official release said here on Tuesday that extensive crop loss had been reported from different parts following the heavy rain that lashed the State during the past three days.

Paddy farmers of Kuttanad had suffered extensive loss.

The government would ensure compensation soon for farmers who had insured their crops.

As much as 1,150 ha where seeds were sown afresh remained submerged following the rain. Mr. Sunil Kumar visited the affected areas in Kuttanad on Monday.

The crop loss has been estimated at ₹126 crore. Cultivation in 7,652 ha has got damaged in the rain. The loss in plantain cultivation has been estimated at ₹79 crore and paddy at ₹13.5 crore.

The loss in Alappuzha alone has been pegged at ₹8 crore.

The Cabinet meeting on July 18 will take a final decision on providing more financial assistance to farmers.