Rs 250 crores for Kudumbashree

There had been a steady growth in the budget allocation for poverty alleviation and livelihood activities through Kudumbashree Mission during the past years.

During 2016-17 Kudumbashree’s budget was Rs 131 crores. In 2017-18 the allocation increased to Rs 161 crores. For the financial year 2018-19, our annual allocation was Rs 188 crores and during 2019-20 it is Rs 253 crores. Out of this Rs 253 crore, Rs 181 crore is for regular activities, and Rs 75 crores was the Special Livelihood Package for flood rehabilitation.

In addition to this we are implementing National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) which have 40% State share and 60% Central Government share. Our annual NRLM budget was
Rs.17.22 crores during 2016-17
Rs. 90 crores during 2017-18
Rs.113 crores during 2018-19 and
Rs.173 crores during 2019-20.

After the unprecedented floods of 2018, Kudumbashree is framing new projects for livelihood generation. Kudumbashree had already submitted a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to Rebuild Kerala Initiative (RKI) in this regard. Action Plan for the special programme which would be implemented with the financial support of World Bank has been approved. Government Order (G.O(MS) No.28/2019/PEA) has been issued approving the special package of Rs 250 crores for Kudumbashree for livelihood generation and flood relief activities.

Proposal for Rs 250 crores include Rs 45 crores for the flood relief activities and Rs 205 crores for livelihood generation. Some key programs for livelihood promotion approved in this special package include projects for skill development, Kerala Chicken Programme, and Startup Village Entrepreneurship Programme (SVEP).

We consider this approval as a great honour for the efficiency of our team in project implementation. Though an added responsibility, our team is committed to implement this new project effectively for the welfare of flood affected families of Kerala.