

KAU UNDERSTATED CROP LOSS IN FLOOD, ALLEGES MLA

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K V VIJAYADAS MLA has alleged that there have been anomalies in the estimates prepared by the Kerala Agriculture University (KAU) on the loss suffered by the agriculture sector due to the August floods.

Vijayadas told reporters that the loss to the agriculture sector amounted to ₹19,000 crore as per the calculations of the Agriculture Department. However, the KAU has assessed the losses at ₹3,646 crore and this has been intimat- ed to the Indian Council of Agricultur-

al Research (ICAR). "If KAU presents these figures at the meeting to be called by the ICAR to assess the crop loss in Kerala, the state will be denied of the actual compensation," he said.

The MLA said the KAU had not held talks with the Agriculture Research Centre, Krishi Vigyan Kendra and the State Agriculture Prices Board before arriving at the final figures. He said he would meet the Agriculture Minister and appraise him of the lapses on the part of the KAU. Kerala Karshaka Sangham joint secretary Jose Mathews was also present.



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