

Water Management by Panchayat Raj institutions in Alappuzha District

Highlights

In Kerala the important functions of PRIs in relation to water management include maintenance of traditional drinking water sources, setting up of water supply schemes, implementation and maintenance of minor irrigation and lift irrigation projects, development of ground water resources etc. Audit Review revealed that the utilisation of funds for water supply schemes was much below the requirement. The PRIs do not have any focussed programme for protection and conservation of traditional drinking water sources and ponds.

According to Government guidelines, one third of funds allocated to the productive sector should be earmarked for water management schemes during 2004-05. But the funds actually utilised by the 25 PRIs was only 8.77 *per cent* of the funds allotted to productive sector