Kochi, Aug 21: MPEDA Chairman Shri K S Srinivas presenting a cheque for Rs 7.25 lakh to District Collector Shri Mohammed Safirulla. On the left is Shri B. Sreekumar, Secretary, MPEDA.

The amount was raised by the employees of the Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) and Rajiv Gandhi Centre for Aquaculture (a Society under MPEDA), from their salary for the Chief Minister’s Distress Relief Fund. The Onam celebrations and the Annual Day of MPEDA have also been cancelled and the expenditure earmarked for this was included in the relief fund.