

Rubber Board's spend on labour welfare

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The Rubber Board distributed Rs 2.66 crore for labour welfare in 2010-11, according to a press release at Kottayam. The scheme benefitted 14,561 labourers in the organised and unorganised sectors. It included medical attendance, housing subsidy and group insurance cum deposit for labourers and educational stipend and merit award for their children. It was intended for the improvement of basic amenities and working conditions of the rubber plantation workers. The amount spent for various components are Rs 72,72,890 (educational stipend and merit award), Rs 1,50,87,500 (housing subsidy) and Rs 1,502,730 (group insurance cum deposit). Rs. 1,38,1000 was also paid for 284 beneficiaries under sanitary subsidy component. — **Our Correspondent**