

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FUNDS FOR AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES IN HIMACHAL PRADESH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

to the funds sanctioned/allocated/released by the Union Government to the Himachal Pradesh Government for the three schemes undertaken by the Ministry in the State during the last two years and proposed in the next two years separately viz.River Valley Projects and Soil Conservation (RVPS)and for increasing the fertility of affected land in water catchment areas of the Flood-Prone Rivers (FPR) and for Reclamation of Alkaline Soil (RAS) and National Watershed Development Project for rain-fed areas?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Programmes namely, Soil Conservation for Enhancing the Productivity of Degraded Land in the Catchments of River Valley Project and Flood Prone River (RVP & FPR) and National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Area (NWDPR) in most of the States including the State of Himachal Pradesh.

From November, 2000 these programmes have been subsumed under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).The funds are allocated by Ministry of Agriculture to State Governments based on past utilization and overall availability of funds under MMA.The State Governments further allocate funds to different programmes and prepare Annual Work Plan (AWP).After finalization of AWP, funds are released to State Governments.State Governments further release funds to respective programme implementing Departments.

The status of fund allocations and releases to Himachal Pradesh under MMA during 2001-02 to 2004-2005 are:

(Rupees in Lakh)

Year	Funds allocated	Funds released
2001-02	1800.00	1800.00
2002-03	1600.00	1600.00
2003-04	1600.00	800.00 (First installment)
2004-05	1700.00	(tentative)

The funds provided by the State of Himachal Pradesh out of Macro Management of Agriculture for RVP&FPR and NWDPR) for last two years and proposed allocations for 2003-04 are:-

(Rupees in Lakh)

Year	RVP & FPR	NWDPR)
2001-02	509.23	232.99
2002-03	520.34	48.97
2003-04	703.00	143.00
2004-05	To be proposed by State Government	To be proposed by State Government