

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE AND AGRICULTURE PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) the details of central funds allocated, released and utilized for the development of horticulture and agriculture project in West Bengal during last three years; and

(b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to increase funds for the purpose?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): The details of Central Funds allocated, released and utilized for the development of Horticulture and Agriculture in West Bengal under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Macro Management of Agriculture` during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Unspent	Balance	Release	Utilization
2001-02	2500.00	53.69	2500.00	1908.03	
as on 1.4.2001					
2002-03	2400.00	645.66	1427.47	1733.06	
as on 1.4.2002					
2003-04	2400.00	340.07	1920.00	2041.95	
as on 1.4.2003					

Besides the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) during the 10th Five Year Plan which is being implemented from 1.4.2004 in the major states including West Bengal and Integrated Development of Horticulture in Hilly & Tribal Areas.

Since the ISOPOM scheme is being implemented from 2004-05, the relevant data for West Bengal is accordingly given below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Unspent	Balance	Release	Utilization
2004-05	260.00	240.72	130.00	6.13	
as on 1.4.2004			as on 31.10.2004		

For `Integrated Development of Horticulture in Hilly & Tribal Areas`, the relevant data for West Bengal is as below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Allocation	Unspent	Balance	Release	Utilization
2002-03	Nil	Nil	2.75	2.75	
2003-04	190.00	Nil	95.00	95.00	

The Central Assistance in the form of `Macro Management in Agriculture` to the State Government of West Bengal is given with adequate flexibility so that they can spend it on well focused and specific interventions in areas of priority of that State. This assistance aims at Development of Agriculture in the State through Work Plan prepared by State Government of West Bengal. The State is encouraged to include new interventions and best practices.