

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1663
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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has not been utilizing its funds allocation;
- (b) if so, the details and reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to ensure full utilization of the funds; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a)&(b): The year wise details of approved outlay and expenditure incurred by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation during the last three years are as follows:-

Year	BE	Expenditure	%age
	w.r.t. BE		
2002-03	2167.00	1656.78	76.46
2003-04	2167.00	2050.77	94.64
2004-05	2650.00	2657.42\$	100.28

\$ Provisional

The expenditure incurred was more than 90% in respect of BE during the first three years of the Tenth Five Year Plan except for the year 2002-03. The shortfall in 2002-03 was on account of diversion of Plan funds to meet the expenditure incurred for procurement of Oilseeds under Price Support Scheme of National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED).

(c)&(d): The steps have been taken by the Department to ensure full and proper utilization of funds including timely release of funds, regular monitoring and review of implementation of the schemes.