

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:841
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ALLOCATION FOR AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has urged the State Governments to step up the budgetary allocation for the farm sector and irrigation;
- (b) if so, the allocations made by the State Governments, especially Government of Karnataka for the farm sector and irrigation for the current year;
- (c) the target fixed for achieving growth in the sector;
- (d) the extent to which the target has been achieved till June, 30, 2005;
- (e) the extent to which this allocation has been less; and
- (f) the nature of help and assistance being provided by the Union Government to the States in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (e): The State Governments including the State Government of Karnataka were requested recently in the month of July 2005 to review the policy parameters in their respective States in right earnest and provide a higher allocation in the State Plan for development of agriculture and allied sectors. It was further emphasized that it would be difficult to achieve the targeted growth rate of 4 percent per annum in agriculture sector unless there was commensurate step-up in investment in agriculture sector at the State level particularly in irrigation and water resources management, watershed development and reclamation of water/degraded land and provision of essential infrastructure for effective extension services, marketing and processing.

Pursuant to the aforesaid request, it is expected that the State Governments would suitably enhance the budgetary allocation in State Plan for development of agriculture sector.

(f): The Central Government is providing financial assistance to the State Governments under various Centrally Sponsored and Central Sector Schemes for development of agriculture sector in the States.