

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PLAN FUND TO NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the percentage out of the total plan funds of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation actually reached the North Eastern States in the last three years;
- (b) whether the fund has been fully utilized;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefore;
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (f) the quantum of release of funds made under each sector for the last three years?

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 (c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has allocated 10% of its Plan Outlay for the North Eastern States including Sikkim during each of the last three years. The details of funds utilized/spent in the North Eastern States as a percentage of the Budget allocation during the last three years are as under:

(in Rs. lakhs)

Year	Budget allocation for NE States	Budget allocation in NE States	Expenditure w.r.t. Budget	Percentage of expenditure
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2002-03	216700.00	21675.00	16777.12	7.74
2003-04	216700.00	21670.00	15205.71	7.02
2004-05	265000.00	26500.00	26200.00	9.88

(d): The shortfall in utilization of funds during 2002-03 and 2003-04 is mainly on account of shortfall in release of funds under the two major schemes of this Department under implementation in the North Eastern States, namely,

(i) Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture and

(ii) Macro Management of Agriculture. The shortfall was due to

(a) non-receipt of adequate number of proposals from the State Governments concerned for creation of infrastructure facilities for post harvest management, marketing and establishment of processing units under the Mini Mission III & IV respectively and

(b) pre-conditions for release of second/final installment were not met including non-receipt of utilization certificate, etc.

(e): The steps taken to ensure full and proper utilization of funds include timely release of funds; regular monitoring of implementation of schemes; and follow-up on obtaining of utilization certificates from State Governments/implementing agencies.

(f): The amount of release of funds during the last three years is given in the Annexure.

ANNEXURE

Statement indicating Division-wise expenditure incurred by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation on various schemes in the North Eastern States during 2002-03, 2003-04 and 2004-05.

(Rs. in lakhs)

S.No. Name of Division Expenditure during 2002-03 Expenditure during 2003-04 Expenditure during 2004-05

1. Extension	2115.00	158.07	487.13
2. Agriculture Census	120.00	100.00	138.00
3. Directorate of Economics & Statistics	143.80	189.94	189.18
4. Seeds	59.79	93.83	252.26
5. Fertilizer	0.00	0.00	79.23
6. Plant Protection	0.00	0.00	45.00
7 Machinery	74.00	0.00	49.98
8. Crops	1380.00	0.00	22.00
9. Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses	820.00	810.00	116.00
10. Horticulture	9100.00	9239.00	12952.79
11. Agricultural Marketing	0.00	0.00	189.00
12. Cooperation	325.00	325	350.00
13. Macro Management	4639.53	4289.87	11329.43
Grand Total	16777.12	15205.71	26200.00