

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:233
ANSWERED ON:20.02.2006
FARMERS LIVING BELOW POVERTY LINE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the number of farmers who are living below poverty line in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the welfare schemes that are being implemented for the farmers;
- (d) the details of the funds released by the Government during the last three years and the current year, Scheme-wise and State-wise; and
- (e) the number of farmers benefited therefrom?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Government is implementing a number of schemes for development of the Agriculture, Horticulture and Livestock sectors. The strategies formulated by the Government for making the agriculture sector more vibrant and dynamic so as to increase its production and productivity with resultant increase in the income of farmers include
 - (i) enhancing institutional credit flow to the farmers and strengthening of cooperative credit structure;
 - (ii) ensuring the timely availability of quality inputs;
 - (iii) promoting farmer friendly, demand driven agriculture extension system;
 - (iv) accelerating diversification to high value crops including horticulture activities;
 - (v) strengthening infrastructure and the supply chain;
 - (vi) optimizing the efficient utilization of available water resources through micro irrigation and enhancing the sustainability of dry-land/rainfed farming system;
 - (vii) reforming agricultural markets, and widespread use of post harvest technology; and
 - (viii) putting in place a broader spectrum of risk management apparatus for farmers.
- (d)&(e): The scheme-wise details of the funds released/provided are enclosed. The schemes are oriented, inter-alia, towards improving production and productivity which directly or indirectly benefit the farmers.

Annexure

Statement indicating the Schemewise funds released/ expenditure during 2002-03 to 2005-06 referred to in Reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No 233 due for answer on 20.02.2006.

Schemes	Rs in Crores			
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
	Release /	Release /	Release /	Revised
	Expenditure	Expenditure	Expenditure	Estimate (RE)
2	3	4	5	

Technology Mission on Cotton- 9.33 32.13 44.96 50.00
ICDP Cotton

On Farm Water Management for 100.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
Increasing Crop Production in Eastern India

Directorate of Commercial Crops 0.13

Enhancing Sustainabitly of 20.00
Dryland / Rainfed Farming System (CSS)

Post Harvest Technolgy on 11.48 13.69 12.31 0.00
Oilseeds, Pulses & Maize (PHT)

National Oilseeds and Vegetable 3.75 5.90 16.00 16.00
Oils Development Board (NOVOD)
including Tree Borne Oi
seeds and Bio-diesel
(Jetropha Plantation)

Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, 116.44 134.30 246.48 260.00
Pulses, Oil Palm and
Maize (ISOPOM) (CSS)

Externally Aided Programme

Accelerated Maize Development 0.55 1.00 0.80
Programme under UNDP

National Horticulture Board 91.30 50.00 70.00 70.00
(including Cold Chain)

Coconut Development Board 30.00 20.00 20.00 35.00
including Technology Mission
on Coconut

Integrated Development of 5.00 9.00 16.00 0.00
Horticulture in Hilly / Tribal Areas

Technology Mission on 91.00 118.39 176.72 184.90
Horticulture for NE Region
including Sikkim Uttaranchal,
HP and J&K (CSS)

Micro Irrigation (CSS) 0.00 0.00 0.00 280.49

National Mission on Bomboo 0.00 0.00 0.00 25.00
Technology and Trade
Development (CSS)

National Horticulture 0.00 0.00 0.00 630.00

Mission (CSS)

Central Institute of 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.10
Horticulture in Nagaland (New Scheme)

Human Resources Development 0.75 0.44 0.78 0.00

National Project on Fertilizer 2.26 3.72 3.28 2.10
Quality Control

National Project on Promotion 0.00 0.00 4.00 20.78
of Organic Farming

Scheme for Implementation of 0.32 4.99 7.59 6.10
Protection of Plant Varieties
and Farmers` Rights` Act 2001

Loan to State Farms 0.00
Corporation of India /
National Seeds Corporation Ltd

Restructured Scheme

Restructuring of National Seed 1.00 7.23 0.67 0.00
Corporation and State Farm
Corporation of India (NSC & SFCEI)

Development and Strengthening 10.21 10.15 12.16 65.33
of Infrastructure Facilities
for Production and Distribution
of Quality Seeds

Pilot Scheme for Seed 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.01
Crop Insurance

Externally Aided Project

Implementation of Global 0.00 0.00 0.09 0.15
Plan of Action

Strengthening and Modernisation 0.00 10.31 18.81 16.31
of Pest Management in Country

Strengthening and Modernisation 14.67 5.76 7.72 16.51
of Plant Quarantine Facilities in India

Monitoring of Pesticide 0.00 0.00 0.00 4.88
Residues at National Level

Promotion and Strengthening of
Agricultural Mechanisation
through Training, Testing
and Demonstration 2.34 3.13 6.13 12.00

Watershed Development Council 1.06 0.87 0.73 1.05

All India Soil and Land
Use Survey 5.49 6.11 6.42 8.00

National Land Use and
Conservation Board 0.47 0.36 0.37

Investment in Debenture of
State Land Development Banks (SLDBs) 86.81 76.56 80.91 87.00

National Agricultural
Insurance Scheme (NAIS) 254.99 637.93 350.00 750.95

Cooperative Education
and Training 19.07 20.30 18.15 70.00

Assistance to NCDC for
Development of Cooperatives 11.44 22.06 48.17 30.00

Extension Support to Central
Institutes/Directorate of Extension (DOE) 0.00 0.00 10.91 13.31

Support to State Extension
Programmes for Extension Reforms (CSS) 0.00 0.00 0.00 45.00

Agri-Clinics/Agri-Business
Centres 5.98 9.50 8.69 4.25

Mass Media Support to
Agriculture Extension 0.00 6.41 48.37 104.71

National Agricultural
Extension Project (NAEP-I) 0.00 0.99 0.62

Training of Women in Agriculture 0.44 1.55 0.00

Strengthening of Agricultural
Extension Services 1.86 2.47 1.07

Human Resource Development/
Training Support to Agriculture 9.02 6.95 0.00

Information Support /
management Information System 3.52 4.38 0.66

Externally Aided Project

(i) ITD Component of NATP 24.95 19.94 14.41 1.85
supported by the World Bank

(ii) UNDP Project on National 5.38 5.69 7.37 0.49
Food Security

Studies in Agricultural 17.16 20.72 23.21 31.21
Economic Policy & Development

Forecasting and Remote Sensing 2.38 2.61 1.61 5.31
Application in Crop Husbandry

Improvement of Agricultural 18.20 21.93 2.19 21.60
Statistics (CSS)

Forecasting Agricultural Output 0.00 0.00 0.00 3.00
using Space, Agro-Meteorology
and Land Based Observation
(FASAL) (New Scheme)

Agriculture Census (CSS) 8.98 8.60 3.48 14.00

Marketing Research Surveys 2.08 5.56 10.95 10.00
and Information Network (MRIN)

Grant-in-aid to National 2.75 30 3.49 3.50
Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM)

Strengthening Agmark Grading 0.63 0.44 0.50 2.00
and Export Quality Controls

Development of Market Infras- 0.00 0.00 25.00 13.00
tructure, Grading and Standardisation

Gramin Bhandran Yojana 64.51 79.63 100.02 90.00

Small Farmers` Agri Business 10.00 10.00
Consortium (SFAC)

Strengthening/Promoting 6.66 4.41 4.94 22.97
Agricultural Information System

Capacity Building to Enhance 0.00 0.00 0.00 1.00
Competitiveness of Indian
Agriculture (New Scheme)

Natural Disaster Mangement 1.16 0.32 0.05 0.75

Secretariat Economic Service 5.63 2.89 3.44 8.34

Macro Management of Agriculture 595.63 648.06 1186.03 819.15
(MMA) Scheme (CSS)

National Commission on Farmers 0.00 0.09 1.12 1.90

Sub-Total 1656.78 2050.77 2657.38 3890.00

State Plan Scheme

Watershed Development in 20.00 20.00 19.35 30.00
Shifting Cultivation Area
in North Eastern States

Total 1676.78 2070.77 2676.73 3920.00