

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the plan and programmes formulated for the development of agriculture in the North- Eastern Region particularly in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) the targets fixed and achievements made thereunder during the last three years; and

(c) the present status of these plans alongwith the benefits accrued therefrom till date?

Answer

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

(a): The major plan programmes being implemented for development of agriculture in the North Eastern Region, particularly in Arunachal Pradesh, are the Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme and Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture.

(b)&(c): Under the Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture, an additional area of 83,718 hectares has been brought under various horticultural crops in the North Eastern States out of which 13,748 hectares has been covered in Arunachal Pradesh since the inception of the programme.

Under the Macro Management of Agriculture Scheme, in the main programmes being implemented in Arunachal Pradesh include National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPR) and Farm Mechanization programme.

Under the NWDPR, in 45 watersheds covered in Arunachal Pradesh, during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05, 2250 hectares and 3105 hectares respectively have been developed.

Under the Farm Mechanization programme, the following were made available with subsidy in the State:

Type of Equipments

(in numbers) 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05

Tractors 60 50 80

Power Tillers 20 20 32

Plant Protection Equipments 825 1039 1000

Irrigation Equipments 86 120 50

The financial performance of the above schemes in Arunachal Pradesh during the last three years is given below:

(in Rs. Lakhs)

Name of Scheme	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Alloc- Release/ ation Utilis- ation	Alloc- Release/ ation Utilis- ation	Alloc- Release/ ation Utilis- ation	Alloc- Release/ ation Utilis- ation

Macro Management of Agriculture	500.00	298.05	400.00	466.12	500.00	716.00
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Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture	1099.00	1099.00	1220.00	1220.00	1500.00	1645.55
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