

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:279
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2006
SECOND GREEN REVOLUTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether special efforts are being made by the Government in respect of Second Green Revolution in the country;
- (b) If so, the schemes chalked out by the Government in this regard ;
- (c) The funds allocated/released for the purpose during the last three years, year-wise ;
- (d) Whether the Union Government has issued any directions to States/Union Territories in respect of Second Green Revolution ;
- (e) If so, the details thereof ;
- (f) Whether the private sector has also shown its interest in this regard; and
- (g) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.279 DUE FOR REPLY ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2006.

(a) to (g): The revitalization of the agricultural sector, the improvement in its production and productivity, and enhancement of the income of the farmers are some of the major thrust areas identified by the Government for focused and concerted action. A number of programmes are under implementation which aim to achieve this objective. Some of the more prominent initiatives taken during the recent months are launching of the National Horticulture Mission as a part of agricultural diversification to high value crops and to assure nutritional security and income support to farm households; the scheme relating to micro irrigation for efficient use of water which is of particular benefit in the dry land and rainfed area; establishment of National Rainfed Authority of India for promoting sustainable agricultural development in dry land and rainfed areas; strengthening of extension support system for dissemination of developing technologies at the farm gate; liberalization and strengthening of marketing infrastructure;

improvement in supply of quality inputs; etc. It is also the endeavour of the Government to promote public-private partnership in the agricultural sector in various areas like agricultural extension, input supply and marketing support.

The funds released to the State Government/Union Territory for implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes and Central Sector Schemes during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. in crores)

Year	Funds Released
2003-04	2050.77
2004-05	2657.42
2005-06	3798.69

However, no specific direction has been issued to the State Governments/Union Territory Administration in regard to Second Green Revolution as such. The National Commission on Farmers has made certain recommendations in regard to the agricultural renewal which are under consideration of the Government.