

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:480
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2001
FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an outlay of Rs.9153 crore was approved by the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance for the Ninth Plan against Rs.18,253 crore projected by the Department;

(b) if so, the reasons for allocating less amount; and

(c) whether the inadequate allocation will meet the targets set for the Ninth Plan giving the targets fixed for the Ninth Plan such as foodgrain targets, cereals and pulses target etc.?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (c) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOKSABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 480 DUE FC REPLY ON 19.04.2001.

(a): Details of outlays proposed by Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and finally approved by the Planning Commission/Ministry of Finance for the Ninth Five Year Plan are given below:-

(Rs. Crores)

S.No. Name of Division IXth Plan Outlay approved by
Outlay proposed Planning Commission/
Ministry of Finance

1. Agricultural Census	56.50	48.00
2. Cooperation	1362.45	765.00
3. Credit	5078.49	1633.85
4. Crops	1353.00	1279.82
5. Extension	421.00	180.00
6. Fertiliser	186.97	167.50
7 Agri. Implements & Machinery	1052.00	96.00
8. Horticulture	2380.00	1298.00
9. Plant Protection	503.90	122.51
10. Rainfed Farming System	1595.00	1030.00
11. Seeds	138.25	130.80
12. Dte. of Econ. & Stat. & CACP	362.16	244.00
13. Soil & Water Conservation	1656.34	891.62
14. TMOP	2058.75	906.00
15. Natural Disaster Management	14.00	40.00
16. Trade (SFAC) & International Cooperation	20.00	40.00
17. Information Technology	0.00	180.00

18. Secretariat Economics Services	15.00	15.00
19. Plan Coord (Macro Management)	0.00	3.00
20. Agriculture Marketing	0.00	70.00
21. Policy Division	0.00	12.72

Total: @18253.81 9153.82

@ Outlay proposed by DAC excluding Fisheries Division.

(b): Allocation had to be reduced at plan approval stage keeping in view overall budgetary constraints and competing requirements of other sectors of the economy.

(c): It may not be possible to achieve the Ninth Five Year Plan food production targets without bringing in structural transformations in the production base of the Indian agriculture and further augmenting investment in agriculture and allied activities, including irrigation and flood control, in a substantial manner.