

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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BOOST TO AGRICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the present budget has provided additional allocations for agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the measures the Government propose to take to boost the agriculture sector during the current financial year;
- (c) whether the Amendment of Milk and Milk Products Control Order is also to give a fillip to dairy farming; and
- (d) if so, the steps being initiated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture have been allocated Budget Estimate of Rs.3242crore during 2002-03 against Budget Estimate of Rs.2969 crore and Revised Estimate of Rs.2741 crore for the year 2001-02. Ministry of Agriculture have restructured its Schemes based on Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB) principles and also keeping in view the recommendations of various Working Group Reports and Steering Group Report to boost the agriculture sector during the Tenth Plan period.

(c) & (d): The amendment in Milk and Milk Product Order 1992 has been notified vide Milk and Milk Product (Amendment) Order 2002 on 26.3.2002. There is requirement of registration for enforcing the prescribed standards of quality and food safety only. The Order will be beneficial to small, landless milk producers and milk consumers. The Order will not only help farmers to get remunerative price of their produce i.e. milk but also consumers will get good quality milk at reasonable price. The new capacity creation for processing and value addition in dairy industry will also create employment opportunities for the rural poor.