

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS FOR INFRASTRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the budgetary allocation made for the infrastructural development of agriculture in the year 2003-2004;
- (b) whether the Government propose to formulate any scheme to make the agriculture sector as the engine of growth; and
- (c) the steps likely to be taken for the development of rural areas?

Answer

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

(a): The Budgetary allocation of Rs.2187 crores has been made for the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation for their Plan Schemes during the year 2003-04 for the development of agriculture including infrastructural development.

(b)&(c): The Tenth Five Year Plan approved by National Development Council has given major thrust on basic rural infrastructure for agriculture which inter-alia include creation and strengthening of storage/cold storage infrastructure, construction of rural godowns, strengthening of marketing and processing, development of minor irrigation, rainwater harvesting and conservation for the development of rainfed areas through watershed approach. The Tenth Five Year Plan strategies/thrust areas have been taken into consideration by the Government of India while formulating their schemes related to agriculture in all the States.