

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE TO PUNJAB IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total Central assistance provided to Punjab in agricultural sector during the last three years;
- (b) whether the amount given to Punjab was fully utilized by the State Government; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor and the detailed break up of non-utilised funds given by the Centre, year-wise/amount-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The details of Central assistance provided and utilised by the Punjab Government under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation during the last three years were as follows:-

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Funds Released	Funds utilised
1999-2000	12.07	3.30
2000-2001	8.50	4.38
2001-2002	10.63	4.04

The reasons for non-utilizations of funds under a major Macro Management Schemeduring the year 2000-2001 was due to non-clearance of administrative and financial approval of Work Plan Schemes by the State Government to State Agriculture Department and during the year 2001-2002 due to late release of financial sanction by the State Government.