GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1924 ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003 AGRICULTURE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME RATNA SINGH;SHIVAJI MANE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several states have performed unsatisfactorily in implementing the agriculture development schemes;
- (b) if so, the name of such states; and
- (c) the remedial measures taken by the Government to tackle this problem during the last three years?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Fund is released to different states under various schemes. The State utilizes the fund for various components of the schemes. However, some unspent balance remains with the States at the end of the financial year. This is due to various reasons like flood, drought, failure of rains and other conditions. These unspent balances are utilized next year. In order to increase the utilization of fund, regular monitoring of the implementation of the scheme is done. The releases of fund is also dependent on the utilization by the State Government.

Under the umbrella scheme of Macro Management the second instalment is released bymaking graded cuts if the utilization of funds is delayed.