GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1974 ANSWERED ON:15.12.2003 INCREASE IN LIVESTOCK POPULATION ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has recieved requests from State Governments to release additional amount under various Centrally Sponsored Agricultural Schemes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the funds sanctioned/released for the purpose, State-wise;
- (d) whether the amount sanctioned in Budget during 2002-03 has since been utilised by these States;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) the steps taken to ensure full utilisation of the Budget allocation?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying is not implementing any specific scheme to increasethe livestock population in the country. However, the Department has introduced in 2002-03 a new scheme namely `Conservation of Threatened Breeds, small ruminant, pig equine and pack animal` aiming at the conservation of livestock species facing extinction. The Department during 2002-03 has released Rs.11.50 lakhs to Gujarat, Rs.63.80 to Karnataka, Rs.6.70 lakhs to Punjab, Rs.42.00 lakhs to Rajasthan and Rs.171.50 lakhs to Tripura for the implementation of this scheme.