

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:388
ANSWERED ON:23.08.2004
ALLOCATION FOR AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
Singh Baba Shri K.C.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the allocation for the agriculture sector has declined over the last few years;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it would not have adverse impact on agriculture production; and
- (d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 388 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23RD AUGUST, 2004.

(a)&(b): The approved outlays (BE) for the Ministry of Agriculture during Ninth Plan as well as in the Tenth Five Year Plan have been as follows:

Approved outlay (BE) (Rs. crores)

Year Ministry of Agriculture

1997-98	2066.32
1998-99	2854.07
1999-2000	2896.40
2000-01	2879.55
2001-02	2954.00
2002-03	3242.00
2003-04	3242.00
2004-05	4150.00

(c)&(d): The outlay has generally been on an increase in successive years except 2000-01 and that there has been no perceptible adverse impact on agriculture production, as would be reflected by the overall production figures.