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SEPARATE GRANTS ON SAME COMPONENT IN AGRICULTURE SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether separate grants are provided by the Government on the same component for various Centrally sponsored schemes in agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to restore the limit of grant to 50 percent for Macro-Management Action Plan as before; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a): Yes, Sir. Differential in grants/subsidy is largely on account of the fact that Centrally Sponsored Schemes have been started at different periods of time, for fulfilling specific objectives under crop and area specific programmes.

(b)&(c): The pattern of subsidy as applicable since inception of Macro Management Scheme has been 25%. Hence, restoring subsidy at 50% may not be possible.