GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:40 ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004 UNUTILISATION OF FUNDS Vijay Krishna Shri

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether his ministry surrendered unutilized money sanctioned against the Ninth Plan allocation;
- (b) if so, whether any analysis has been carried out to identify the States having large unspent balances together with the reasons for those State lagging behind in utilization of funds; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to ensure full utilization of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

- (a): During Ninth Plan against revised allocation of Rs.7813.00 crore, an amount of Rs.7510.92 crore was utilized which was 96.13% of the revised allocation.
- (b)&(c): Every year funds are released in instalment to the State Governments for implementation of various schemes. The utilization of funds is monitored by the Department on a regular basis. While releasing the funds to the States, the unspent balance, pace of utilization of funds and submission of utilization certificate by the State Governments are taken into consideration.