

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEMES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has implemented any action plan/scheme for the development of pulses, vegetables, fruits, cereals and sugarcane, etc. in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds released to the States for this purpose during each of the last three years, item-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the funds released for the purpose were fully utilized; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has implemented a number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes to increase production & productivity in the agriculture sector including pulses, vegetables, fruits, cereals and sugarcane, etc. like

(i) Integrated Scheme of Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize,

(ii) National Horticulture Mission,

(iii) National Food Security Mission,

(iv) Micro Irrigation

(v) Technology Mission of Horticulture in the North Eastern states including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand, and

(vi) Macro Management of Agriculture. Funds available under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana are also being used for this purpose.

(c) & (d): A Statement indicating the State-wise releases and funds utilized under these Centrally Sponsored schemes during last three years is enclosed at Annexure I(i-vii).

(e): Funds could not be fully utilized in some States due to delay in supply of inputs, delay in release of money to implementing agencies etc.