

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GRANTS-IN-AID TO NGOS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to reduce grants-in-aid in the next financial year for the NGOs;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the budget under grant-in-aid to NGOs during each of the last three financial years;and
- (d) the grants already sanctioned during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10?

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): The Government has not taken any decision to reduce grant-in-aid in the next financial year to NGOs.

(c) & (d): Funding to NGOs is admissible through State Governments under various schemes. Under two schemes, namely, Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India and National Project on Organic Farming, funds are released directly to NGOs. Releases under these schemes are based on demand and considerations such as completeness of the proposals and utilization of funds released previously, if any. No separate budget is allocated to NGOs. The details of grants sanctioned to such NGOs during last three years i.e. 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10 (upto February, 2010) are Rs.271.20 lakh, Rs.380.00 lakh and Rs.11.00 lakh respectively.