

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1171
ANSWERED ON:29.11.2011
DATA COLLECTION MECHANISM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that timely availability of reliable data has become very important to assess the impact of initiatives taken by the Government to boost agricultural production and enhance farm income;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has any scheme to strengthen the existing data collection mechanism in the country during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of the funds allocated and the expenditure incurred for the said purpose, so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIR
(SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): In order to strengthen the data collection mechanism in the country and improve the quality of Agricultural Statistics of principal Agricultural and Horticultural crops, the Government of India is providing financial support to State/UT Governments under the "Improvement of Agricultural Statistics (IAS)" Scheme. The financial support under the Scheme is given to the States under four components namely; (i) Timely Reporting Scheme (TRS) (ii) Improvement of Crop Statistics (iii) Establishment of an Agency for Reporting of Agricultural Statistics (EARAS) and (iv) Crop Estimation Survey on Fruits & Vegetables crops.

(d): Details of funds allocated and released under the above Schemes during the 11th Five Year Plan are as under:

(Rs. Lakh)

Year IAS Components

TRS ICS EARAS CES-F&V Total

2007-08 Allocation 928.00 668.00 2991.00 460.00 5047.00

Expenditure 880.64 625.90 3156.22 441.35 5104.11

2008-09 Allocation 1042.60 718.40 3217.00 423.00 5401.00

Expenditure 1107.84 770.85 3647.69 485.37 6011.75

2009-10 Allocation 1323.60 1007.90 4145.00 565.50 7042.00

Expenditure 1334.60 838.40 5153.98 534.01 7860.99

2010-11

Allocation 1902.86 1459.14 5940.36 622.64 9925.00

Expenditure 1553.49 1010.03 5414.50 578.74 8556.76

2011-12 Allocation 2076.00 1829.00 6175.00 912.00 10992.00

Release# 672.10 360.23 3416.06 346.08 4794.47

As on 30.09.11.