

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE BUDGET
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any requests/suggestions from agriculture experts for a separate Annual Budget for Agriculture;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): While some Members of Parliament, farmers' associations and others have suggested a separate Budget for Agriculture, this does not seem to be feasible in view of the inter-sectoral linkages of agriculture cutting across various Ministries/Departments of Government of India. As per existing Constitutional and Parliamentary arrangement, General Budget provides adequately for the requirement of the agriculture sector.