

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SUGARCANE BASED CROPPING SYSTEM

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

- (a) the funds released for assistance to farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System' during each of the last two years, State-wise;
- (b) whether funds for the scheme were reduced;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the extent to which the sugarcane production has been increased since the implementation of the Scheme;
- (e) whether any review of the Scheme has been made; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and steps taken to make the Scheme more effective?

**Answer**

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

(a): The State-wise and year-wise funds released under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of 'Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System' (SUBACS) under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) during last two years are enclosed at Annexure.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. There has been marginal decrease in funds released to the state during 2008-09 compared to 2007-08, which was Rs.27.54 crore in 2007-08 compared to Rs.26.59 crore during 2008-09. The work plans under Macro Management of Agriculture are prepared by the State Government as per their priorities. Accordingly, they decrease or increase the requirement of funds under various schemes including SUBACS under Macro Management of Agriculture. Further, after introduction of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) scheme in 2007-08, States have much more flexibility in choice of interventions, including on sugarcane crop as per their requirement. These are the main reasons for marginal decrease of release of funds in 2008-09 compared to 2007-08.

(d) to (f): The SUBACS was subsumed under MMA in 2000. The production of sugarcane was 295.96 million tones in 2000-01, and reached maximum of 355.52 million tones during 2006-07 and 273.93 million tones (4th Advance Estimate) in 2008-09. The performances of scheme was reviewed each year during meeting of Action Plans with states for various scheme of MMA.

Based on these reviews, SUBACS has been modified during 11th Plan Period by enhancing assistance level for various components as well as introduction of new components like distribution of micro nutrients, planting materials, seed treatment chemicals, pump sets, farmers visit, etc.