

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PACKAGE TO BUNDELKHAND
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided any financial package to Bundelkhand region in Uttar Pradesh to mitigate the problems of farmers during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of the funds allocated and utilised during the said period;
- (c) whether the utilisation certificates received in this regard have been verified;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government against misappropriation, if any in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Government had approved a Special Package for Drought Mitigation in Bundelkhand region with an over all outlay of Rs.7266.00 crore, comprising Rs.3506 crore for Uttar Pradesh and Rs.3760 crore for Madhya Pradesh in over all supervision of Planning Commission. Out of the approved outlay, Rs.586.50 crore was agreed to be provided from Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC) out of their ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes/Programmes for a period of 3 years (2009-2012) during XI Five Year Plan.

(c) to (e): Based on demand and utilization of funds under various scheme/programmes of DAC, an amount of Rs.576.81 crore, comprising Rs.348.21 crore to Uttar Pradesh and Rs.228.60 crore to Madhya Pradesh was provided from DAC's various ongoing schemes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY); Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA); Micro Irrigation (MI); National Horticulture Mission (NHM); National Food Security Mission (NFSM); Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA); National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS); Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds; and Strengthening/Development of Marketing Infrastructure, Grading and Standardization.

As these funds were provided from on going schemes, separate utilization certificates etc. were not required exclusively for the amount earmarked and provided for Bundelkhand Package.