

**Government of India
Ministry of Finance
Department of Economic Affairs**

**LOK SABHA
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Separate Budget for Agriculture

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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state?

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to introduce a separate budget for Agriculture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any request in this regard; and
- (d) If so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE
(SHRI PANKAJ CHAUDHARY)**

- (a) to (d) There is no proposal to introduce a separate budget for agriculture. However, Department of Agriculture & Farmer Welfare is the nodal Department of Union Government for operating various schemes/programmes for the development of agriculture & welfare of farmers in the country. Government of India provides top most priority to this sector, which is also the backbone of the Indian economy. This is reflected in the fact that budget allocation for the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare has been substantially increased from Rs.27662.67 crore in BE 2013-14 to Rs.125035.79 crore in BE 2023-24.
