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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.451
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH NOVEMBER, 2019

SPENDING ON AGRICULTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons for under-spending by both the departments of the Ministry as against the budgeted allocation;
- (b) the reasons for the reduction in the budgeted funds for Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana;
- (c) the recommended agriculture budget allocation as a percentage of the GDP, under the Swaminathan Committee Report; and
- (d) the status of implementation of the Prof. M.S. Swaminathan Committee Report which is crucial for reviving the agricultural sector and the number of recommendations that have been actually implemented by the Government?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Under-spending in Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare was mainly under Schemes PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) (Direct Farmers Income Support) due to non-uploading of beneficiary data of eligible farmers by State Governments. Moreover, the gap in budgetary allocation and spending is due to lack of absorption capacity in North-East Region and non-release of earmarked funds for TSP and SCSP component.

So far as DARE/ICAR is concerned, the gap in budgetary allocation and spending is due to lack of absorption capacity in North East Region and non-release of earmarked funds for TSP and SCSP component.

(b): Under Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana Government of India has enhanced budgetary provision from Rs.9429 crore (2018-19) to Rs.9684.56 crore (2019-20).

(c) & (d): An Inter-Ministerial Committee (IMC), which was constituted for preparation of Plan of Action, identified 201 Action Point from National Policy for Farmers (NPF), 2007 where necessary action had to be taken. Out of total 201 number of action points identified, 200 numbers of points have already been implemented as on date by the Government.