

(c) the objectives achieved with the above funds by both the States and the details of increased productivity, if any; and

(d) whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry that the above funds were diverted for purposes other than they are meant for?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched during the year 2007-08; The details of amount released by the Government under RKVY to Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra and expenditure reported by the State Governments in the last two years *i.e.* 2007-08 and 2008-09 are as under:

(Rs. in crore)				
Sl.No.	Name of State	Year	Amount Released	Exp. Reported
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2007-08	61.08	61.08
		2008-09	297.17	296.01
2.	Maharashtra	2007-08	128.20	113.58
		2008-09	1261.77	213.52

In the current year, releases to Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra under RKVY are Rs.256.25 crore and Rs.235.81 crore respectively.

(c) The States have taken up several schemes with RKVY funds in the sectors of crop development, soil testing, micro and minor irrigation, animal husbandry etc. However, since the Scheme was launched only in August 2007, it is difficult, at this stage, to assess the increase in productivity on account of the amounts released under RKVY.

(d) No case of diversion of funds allotted for implementation of RKVY has come to the notice of the Ministry.

Neglect of agriculture sector

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SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sustainability of agriculture has now turned a mirage because of constant neglect of agriculture in the last three decades;

(b) the determining factors of sustainability and whether constantly decreasing investment therein is leading to increasing adverse impact;

(c) whether under the influence of global marketing, farmers have been motivated to produce taking a cue from multinational and capitalist companies;

(d) whether it is a fact that the farmers are being reduced to agricultural labourer through contract farming and future tradings; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi