

November, 2004, National Commission on Farmers (NCF) was reconstituted under Chairmanship of Prof. M.S. Swaminathan. Terms of reference of the Commission, *inter-alia*, included working out a comprehensive medium term strategy for food and nutrition security; propose methods of enhancing the productivity, profitability and sustainability of the major farming systems; suggest measures to attract and retain educated youth in farming; suggest reforms to enhance investment in agri-research; recommend measures for the credit, knowledge, skill and technological empowerment of women; and suggest methods of empowering elected members of Panchayats.

The Commission submitted five reports to the Government over a period of time starting from December, 2004. The Commission submitted its fifth and final report on 4.10.2006. Along with the final report, the Commission also submitted 'Draft National Policy for Farmers' containing important recommendations made by it.

(e) Based on 'Draft National Policy for Farmers', and after consultation with State Governments, National Policy for Farmers (NPF) 2007, was finalized and approved by Government and was laid on Table of Rajya Sabha on 23.11.2007. An inter-ministerial committee finalized Plan of Action for Operationalisation of NPF, 2007 which was circulated to all State Governments as well as central Ministries/Departments concerned for appropriate action.

#### **Central schemes for development of agriculture**

†\*69. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are almost 50 schemes which are financed by the Central Government and are being run for the development of agriculture;

(b) if not, the number of such schemes and the amount likely to be incurred on the implementation of these schemes during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(c) whether any target was set for these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of targets for each scheme and the percentage of targets achieved in respect of each scheme?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (d) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing 53 schemes for development of agriculture in India. Rs. 66,577 crore was approved for implementation of these schemes during Eleventh Five Year Plan against which expenditure of Rs. 61,600.07 crore is likely to be incurred. Financial targets set for these schemes and expenditure including percentage of expenditure achieved in respect of each scheme, is given in the Statement.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

**Statement**

*Scheme-wise approved allocation of Eleventh Plan and cumulative expenditure during Eleventh Plan and its achievements*

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the Division/Scheme	Allocation for Eleventh Plan	Total expenditure Eleventh Plan 2007-2012	% of achievement
1	2	3	4	5
<b>I.</b>	<b>Agri. Extension and Training</b>	<b>267000.00</b>	<b>201470.53</b>	<b>75.46</b>
1.	Extension Support to Central Institutes of DOE	7000.00	6357.93	90.83
2.	Agri-Clinics/Agri-Business Centres	15000.00	4901	32.67
3.	Mass Media use in Agriculture Extension	45000.00	63437.46	140.97
4.	Support to States Extension Services	200000.00	126774.14	63.39
<b>II.</b>	<b>Agriculture Census</b>	<b>8000.00</b>	<b>7955.94</b>	<b>99.45</b>
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<b>III.</b>	<b>Agricultural Economics and Statistics</b>	<b>35000.00</b>	<b>64219.01</b>	<b>183.48</b>
1.	Studies in Agricultural Economic Policy and Development	15000.00	23066.06	153.77
2.	Improvement of Agriculture Statistics	15000.00	38496.00	256.64
3.	Forecasting Agricultural output using Space, Agro-Meteorology and Land based observation (FASAL)	5000.00	2656.95	53.14
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Seeds</b>	<b>60800.00</b>	<b>206801.53</b>	<b>340.13</b>
1.	Implementation of PVP Legislation	12000.00	4067.37	33.89
2.	Loan to State Farms Corporation/NSC	3800.00	8689.00	228.66
3.	Development and Strengthening of infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds	45000.00	189040.16	420.09
4.	Externally aided project on implementation of global plan of action		5.00	

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5.	National Seed Mission		5000.00	
V.	<b>Integrated Nutrient Management</b>	59000.00	19220.21	32.58
1.	Strengthening of Central Fertiliser Quality Control and Training Institute	2500.00	626.29	25.05
2.	National Project on Promotion of Organic Farming	11500.00	7922.78	68.89
3.	National Project on Management of soil Health and fertility	45000.00	10671.14	23.71
VI.	<b>Plant Protection</b>	32500.00	22030.78	67.79
1.	Strengthening and Modernisation of Plant Quarantine facilities in India	8000.00	6513.99	81.42
2.	Strengthening and Modernisation of Pest Management in the country	9000.00	9083.96	100.93
3.	Monitoring of Pesticide Residues at National Level	5500.00	3892.83	70.78
4.	National Institute of Plant Health Management	10000.00	2540.00	25.40
VII.	<b>Mechanisation and Technology</b>	7600.00	9067.85	119.31
1.	Strengthening of Farm Machinery Training and Testing Institutes	3600.00	6444.08	179.00
2.	Post Harvest Tech. and Management	4000.00	2623.77	65.59
VIII.	<b>Crops</b>	537300.00	516412.48	96.11
1.	Technology Mission on Jute	4000.00	3122.33	78.06
2.	Technology Mission on Cotton (CSS)	45000.00	21152.37	47.01
3.	Enhancing Sustainability of Dryland/ Rainfed Farming System		0.00	
4.	National Food Security Mission	488300.00	492137.78	100.79
IX.	<b>TMOP</b>	157000.00	249273.75	158.77
1.	Tree borne oilseeds and bio diesel	7000.00	3944.08	56.34
2.	Integrated Oilseeds, Oil Palm, Pulses and Maize Development (ISOPOM) (CSS)	150000.00	245329.67	163.55

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<b>X.</b>	<b>Rainfed Farming System</b>	<b>351800.00</b>	<b>2553.47</b>	<b>0.73</b>
1.	Watershed Development Council	0.00	124.23	
2.	National Rainfed Area Authority	1800.00	2329.24	129.40
3.	Rainfed Area Development Programme	350000.00	100.00	0.03
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Horticulture</b>	<b>1496600.00</b>	<b>1176340.02</b>	<b>78.60</b>
1.	National Horticulture Board	63200.00	68833.65	108.91
2.	Coconut Development Board including Technology Mission on Coconut	20000.00	28555.52	142.78
3.	Technology Mission on Horticulture for North East Region	150000.00	183882.08	122.59
4.	Micro Irrigation	340000.00	350800.00	103.18
5.	National Mission on Bamboo Technology and Trade (CSS)	40000.00	43848.16	109.62
6.	National Horticulture Mission (CSS)	880900.00	489869.04	55.61
7.	Central Institute of Horticulture in Nagaland	2500.00	2456.38	98.26
8.	Grants for replanting and rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens		7900.00	
9.	Grants to Coconut Development Board for Coconut Palm Insurance Scheme		195.19	
<b>XII.</b>	<b>Secretariat Economic Service</b>	<b>500.00</b>	<b>3229.82</b>	<b>645.96</b>
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<b>XIII.</b>	<b>Agricultural Marketing</b>	<b>93600.00</b>	<b>117022.87</b>	<b>125.02</b>
1.	Grant in aid to National Institute of Agricultural Marketing (NIAM)	1500.00	2410.77	160.72
2.	Strengthening Agmark Grading and Export Quality Control	600.00	245.30	40.88
3.	Marketing Research Surveys and Marketing Information Network	1500.00	610.47	40.70
4.	Development of Market Infrastructure, Grading and Standardisation	38000.00	55641.24	146.42

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5.	Construction of Rural Godowns	40000.00	47065.09	117.66
6.	Small Farmers Agri-Business Consortium (SFAC)	12000.00	11050	92.08
<b>XIV.</b>	<b>Information Technology</b>	<b>35000.00</b>	<b>19965.83</b>	<b>57.05</b>
1.	National e-Governance Plan Agriculture		9828.61	
2.	Strengthening of IT apparatus in Agriculture and Cooperation (HQ) including Early Warning System	35000.00	10137.22	28.96
<b>XV.</b>	<b>NRM</b>	<b>28500.00</b>	<b>27144.36</b>	<b>95.24</b>
1.	Soil and Land Use Survey of India	4500.00	6424.36	142.76
2.	Control of Shifting Cultivation	24000.00	20720.00	86.33
<b>XVI.</b>	<b>Credit</b>	<b>390000.00</b>	<b>760318.63</b>	<b>194.95</b>
1.	Investment in Debentures of State Land Development Banks (SLDBs)	40000.00	19711.71	49.28
2.	National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS)	350000.00	614187.92	175.48
3.	Pilot Modified National Agriculture Insurance		17500.00	
4.	Weather-based Crop Insurance		108919.00	
<b>XVII.</b>	<b>Cooperation</b>	<b>47000.00</b>	<b>51963.30</b>	<b>110.56</b>
1.	Cooperative Education and Training	15000.00	14413.30	96.09
2.	Assistance to NCDC for Development of Cooperatives	32000.00	26850.00	83.91
3.	Support to NAFED (New)		200.00	
4.	Interest Subvention on loans provided by NCDC to Cooperatives (New)		8000.00	
5.	Rehabilitation and Reconstruction of Cooperatives (New)		2500.00	
<b>XVIII.</b>	<b>Macro Management</b>	<b>550000.00</b>	<b>462501.51</b>	<b>84.09</b>
1.	Macro Management (CSS)	550000.00	462501.51	84.09

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<b>XIX. Trade</b>		500.00	260.31	52.06
1. Capacity Building to Enhance Competitiveness of Indian Agriculture		500.00	260.31	52.06
<b>XX. Additional Central Assistance for State Plan (RKVY)</b>		2500000.00	2242254.93	89.69
1. RKVY		2500000.00	2242254.93	89.69
<b>TOTAL :</b>		6657700.00	6160007.13	92.52

#Actual expenditure for the years 2007-08 to 2010-11 and BE for 2011-12.

#### Import and availability of fertilizers

\*70. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that cash crunch has hit fertilizer imports;
- (b) whether it is a fact that Government held back subsidy commitments to importers;
- (c) whether shortage of fertilizers could further stoke runaway food inflation and pose risk to winter crop operations commencing next month;
- (d) whether assured availability of key fertilizers is critical to food security; and
- (e) if so, the steps Government is taking to make fertilizers available to the farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SRIKANT JENA): (a) No, Sir. As on date, there is no cash crunch that has hit fertilizer imports

(b) No, Sir. The Government has not held back any subsidy commitments to importers of fertilizers. Rather all the subsidy payments are being made to the importers on time.

(c) and (d) Urea is under 50% and P&K fertilizers are under 20% movement and distribution control of the Government. The availability of decontrolled fertilizers is decided by the market forces of demand and supply. Union Government monitors availability of fertilizers at State level and State Governments are responsible for its tie-up with the manufacturers and importers and further distribution within the State. The State-wise demand (Requirement) and supply (Availability) of major fertilizers during Kharif, 2011 (April'11 to September'11) are given in the Annexure 2 [See Appendix 214 Annexure No. 2]. The requirement and availability of fertilizers during October, 2011 and November, 2011 are given in Annexure 3 and 4 [See