

on price policy, CACP considers a number of important factors which include, *inter-alia*, cost of production, changes in input prices, trends in market prices, demand and supply situation, inter-crop price priority, changes in terms of trade between agricultural and non-agricultural sectors, effect on general price level, effect on cost of living etc.

**Grant-in-aid to Assam for agricultural schemes**

191. SHRIMATI NAZNIN FARUQUE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any grant-in-aid is being provided by Central Government for various agricultural schemes in Assam;

(b) if so, the names of the schemes and the amount of grant provided for each of them; and

(c) the details of the amount yet to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) to (c) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is providing grant-in-aid under various agricultural schemes to Assam. A Statement indicating the name of major schemes, funds allocated during 2012-13 and funds released upto 31.10.2012 is given in Statement (*See below*).

***Statement***

*Name of major schemes, funds allocated and funds released*

**Name of the State: Assam**

Name of the Scheme	(Rs. in crore)	
	Year 2012-13	
	Allocation	Release as on 31.10.2012
1	2	3
Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY)	399.57	233.31
National Food Security Mission (NFSM)	41.86	23.98

1	2	3
Macro Management Scheme	15.89	0.0*
National Mission on Micro Irrigation	4.00	0.00
Support to State Extension Programmes for Extension Reforms	20.59	7.26
National Bamboo Mission	10.20	7.52
Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States	30.00	15.00
TOTAL:	522.11	287.08

\*State Government has unspent balance of Rs. 21.84 crore as on 01.04.2012

#### **Suicide by Bt. Cotton farmers**

192. SHRI SUKHENDU SEKHAR ROY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether an internal advisory dated 9 January, 2012 sent by the Ministry to cotton growing States affirms that suicide by Bt. Cotton farmers were severe in 2011-12;

(b) if so, the assessment of Indian Agricultural Science with regard to shifting of cotton farmers to Bt. Cotton and the resultant adverse effect thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware of a documentary film titled 'Bitter Seeds' on suicide by Bt. Cotton farmers in India which bagged 18 international film awards; and

(d) if so, how Government reacts to such international repercussions and commit to nation to stop forthwith such human tragedies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) As per the information furnished by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Film Division has not produced any Documentary Film regarding suicide