

consideration of Parliament which may provide a comprehensive system covering all the aspects of GM crops.

Implementation of RKVY

472. SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme called the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been implemented and the purposes thereof;

(b) the total amount allocated and released for Maharashtra under RKVY, project-wise; and

(c) the details of total utilization of funds and results achieved in the State so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was launched in August, 2007 with the objective to incentivize the State to increase investment in agriculture and allied sectors to achieve 4% growth in this sector. The scheme provides flexibility and autonomy to the State Governments to select, plan, approve and execute projects/components that are most suited to the agro-climatic conditions and priorities of the State as per their District Agriculture Plan.

(b) and (c) Government of India does not earmark project-wise allocation under the scheme. The funds allocated and released to Maharashtra under the scheme and utilization reported by the State is as under:—

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation	Release	Utilization
2007-08	142.20	128.20	128.20
2008-09	269.63	261.77	261.77
2009-10	407.24	404.39	404.39
2010-11	653.00	653.00	653.00
2011-12	727.67	735.44	735.44
2012-13 (As on 22.02.2013)	1050.81	891.56	420.06