

in production due to deficient rain, which was about 18% in 2002-03, has now come down to 7% in 2009-10 to that of respective preceding year (normal year).

(c) Generally marginal farmers use electric/diesel/petrol start kerosene run (for low lift) pumps for lifting water from dug-wells, tube-wells and water bodies for accessing reliable source of irrigation water. This helps farmers in enhancing cropping intensity, crop productivity and farm income. As per available estimates about 21% of the total electric consumption is utilized for agriculture purposes.

National Project on Organic Farming

492. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether financial assistance is provided under National Project on Organic Farming (NPOF) scheme as credit linked back ended subsidy through NABARD for setting up of fruit and vegetable, market waste/agriculture waste compost unit;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) the amount of assistance provided to Andhra Pradesh under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under NPOF scheme, financial assistance is provided for setting up of Fruit/Vegetable market Waste/Agro-waste compost unit for the capacity of 100 tonne Per Day (TPD) through NABARD as credit linked back-ended subsidy to the tune of 33% of total financial outlay restricted to Rs. 60.00 lakh whichever is less.

(c) Under NPOF scheme, no proposal for financial assistance for setting up of Fruit and Vegetable Waste Market/Agro Waste Compost Production Unit was received/approved by NABARD for Andhra Pradesh, however, for setting up of other organic inputs production units an amount of Rs. 164.734 lakh as credit linked back ended subsidy was released upto March, 2012.

Framework for PPPIAD

493. DR. K.V.P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation