

(₹ in crore)

Sl. No.	Scheme	Allocation
1.	NFSM	18.00
2.	RKVY(Normal+NMPS*+VIUC**)	50.50
3.	Saffron Mission	100.00
4.	MIDH	60.00

*NMPS - National Mission on Protein Supplements.

**VIUC - Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters.

Separate budget for agriculture

3251. SHRI BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether for quite some time there is a demand to present a separate Agricultural Budget; and
- (b) if so, the response of Government on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) Although there is a demand to present a separate Agricultural Budget from some Members of Parliament, farmers' associations and others but this does not seem to be feasible in view of the inter-sectoral linkages of agriculture cutting across various Ministries/Departments of Government of India. As per existing Constitutional and Parliamentary arrangement, General Budget provides adequately for requirements of the agriculture sector.

Capacity of growing foodgrains, vegetables and fruits

3252. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area of land fit for agriculture in the country;
- (b) the highest capacity of production and the present status thereof;
- (c) the area of land irrigated and the area dry;
- (d) the steps taken by Government to utilize the optimum capacity of land;
- (e) the area of land utilized for agriculture;