

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1928**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12/03/2021

**IMPLEMENTATION OF STALLED SCHEMES DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

1928. CH. SUKHRAM SINGH YADAV:  
SMT. CHHAYA VERMA:  
SHRI CHH UDAYANRAJE BHONSLE:  
SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to State?

- a) The quantum of funds which remained unspent under different schemes run by the Ministry during last year due to COVID-19 pandemic;
- b) The details thereof, scheme-wise;
- c) Whether the development under the said schemes has been stalled in the respective areas where schemes are run, in case fund allocated has not been spent for the development, protection and promotion of the objectives of the said schemes;
- d) If so, the steps being taken to compensate for this and to run these schemes more effectively; and
- e) The details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): During the lockdown, agriculture sector had functioned smoothly. Government of India has taken all necessary measures to ensure smooth operation of agriculture related activities. Farming and allied activities were exempted from the lockdown. As per the first Advance Estimate of National Income, agriculture and allied Sectors registered a growth of 3.4% during 2020-21.

During 2019-20, actual expenditure of the Department of Rs 94592.81 crore was 93% of Revised Estimate. Unspent balance details of current year, ie 2020-21 are not available as of now as the year is still progressing.

However, Expenditure profile of the Department has been similar for current as well as previous year. Actual Expenditure as percentage of RE during 2020-21 (April-February) is 80.65% whereas for corresponding period in the previous year, ie 2019-20, it was 82.31%.

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