

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 203
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/12/2024

IMPLEMENTATION OF RKVY IN TAMIL NADU

*203. SHRI R. DHARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and key components of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY);
- (b) the total funds allocated and utilized under RKVY in the last three financial years in Tamil Nadu;
- (c) the major projects funded under the scheme in Tamil Nadu along with its current status;
- (d) whether any independent evaluation or impact assessment has been conducted to assess the outcomes of RKVY, if so, the key findings; and
- (e) whether Government plans to make any changes or improvements to the RKVY in the coming years to enhance its impact on agricultural growth and farmers' welfare?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

- (a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 203 FOR 13/12/2024 REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF RKVY IN TAMIL NADU.

(a): Objectives of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) (renamed as PM-RKVY) scheme are as under:

- To provide flexibility and autonomy to State Governments for planning and implementing projects tailored to their local needs and priorities, chosen from a range of activities in agriculture and allied sectors.
- To strengthen farmers' efforts by creating necessary pre- and post-harvest infrastructure, thereby facilitating the supply of quality inputs, storage facilities, market access, and more.
- To bridge resource gaps by providing financial support to States for various activities aimed at boosting the overall growth of the agriculture sector and enhancing farmers' incomes.
- To promote agricultural activities of national importance through specific initiatives designed to address emerging challenges and enhance production and productivity.

Key components of PM- RKVY include Detailed Project Report (DPR) component, Per Drop More Crop (PDMC), Sub- Mission on Agriculture Mechanization (SMAM) including Management of Crop Residue (CRM), Soil Health and Fertility (SH&F), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojna (PKVY), Rain Fed Area Development (RAD), Agro- Forestry etc.

(b) & (c): Till the year 2021-22, RKVY was implemented as a standalone scheme in the DPR mode. Funds allocated and utilized for the Tamil Nadu is as under:

(in Rs. crore)

Year	Allocation (central share)	Released/utilized (central share)
2021-22	197.96	171.30

From the 2022-23 onward, umbrella scheme of the RKVY merged with RKVY (DPR component) with other components. The consolidated PM RKVY allocation and utilization for the State for 2022-23 and 2023-24 is as under:

(in Rs. crore)

Year	Allocation (central share)	Released/utilized (central share)
2022-23	799.94	398.92
2023-24	494.89	694.65
Total	1294.83	1093.57

The major projects funded under the scheme in Tamil Nadu along with its current status as received from State Government is given in Annexure-I.

(d): Impact evaluations of the schemes are done from time to time. Last evaluation of the schemes of DA&FW was undertaken by Development Monitoring & Evaluation Office (DMEO), NITI Aayog for the period 2017-18 to 2019-20 in August 2020. The evaluation covered all Schemes individually, where performance was largely satisfactory.

(e): As per the recommendations of the Expenditure Finance Committee and NITI Aayog, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) has been restructured and renamed as PM-RKVY. It has been designed as a cafeteria scheme by merging several Centrally Sponsored Schemes to provide flexibility to States for optimal utilization of available resources. To expedite approvals, disbursement, timely utilization of funds and completion of approved projects, the new operational guidelines for PM-RKVY were circulated on 20th November 2024. A tentative overall allocation of funds for all components under PM-RKVY is communicated to State Governments prior to the beginning of each financial year. A consolidated Annual Action Plan for the scheme, submitted by the State Governments, is approved by the Department of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare (DA&FW) in one go.

Annexure-I

Major projects funded under RKVY (DPR) component in Tamil Nadu along with status

2024-25

(Rs lakh)

S. No.	Title of the Project	Allocation	Administrative sanction	Physical			Financial (Rs. in lakh)		
				Unit	Target	Achvt.	Release	Expen	% utilization
1	Construction of New Buildings for 10 Soil Testing Laboratories (STL), 6 Mobile Soil Testing Lab (MSTL), 2 Pesticide Testing Lab (PTL), Additional Godown for 2 Bio-Fertilizer Production Unit (BFPU), van shed for MSTL etc.	1368	1368	Nos.	2	0	160.00	0.00	0
2	Promotion of Maize cultivation to increase the Maize area and production in Tamil Nadu	3000	3000	Ha	46666.67	46591	3000.00	2878.90	96
3	Area Expansion of Horticulture Crops	1026.51	1026.51	Ha	6284	3384.2	749.058	528.65	71
4	Supporting Structures for Horticulture crops	1500	1500	Ha	500	220.6	800.00	545.76	68
5	Procurement of Multi Axle Carrier (MAC) vehicles for transporting Agricultural Engineering Department owned Bull Dozers to strengthen the hiring activity of Agricultural Engineering Department	1100	1100	Nos.	20	0	0.00	0.00	0
6	Establishment of Jackfruit value addition facility at Panruti, Cuddalore	1612.75	1612.75	Nos.	1	0	10.00*	0.00	0.00

*released for tendering process
