

**Up-to-date Status of Implementation against Union Budget Announcements  
2013-14 in respect of Department of Agriculture & Cooperation (DAC): As on  
31.07.2013**

S. N.	Para No.	Budget Announcement	Status of Implementation
1	45	<p><b>Green Revolution</b></p> <p>Bringing the green revolution to eastern India has been a remarkable success. Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal have increased their contribution to rice production. I propose to continue to support the eastern India States with an allocation of Rs. 1000 crore in 2013-14.</p>	<p>State-wise allocation of funds for 2013-14 has been finalized and communicated to all the BGREI States. The Action Plans received from various States have been examined and cleared by this Ministry. States have been requested to get the Action Plans approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee.</p> <p>Total amount of <b>Rs. 332.29 crore</b> has been released to the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Odisha and Uttar Pradesh for this programme during 2013-14 so far.</p>
2	46	<p>The original Green Revolution States face the problem of stagnating yields and over-exploitation of water resources. The answer lies in crop diversification. I propose to allocate Rs. 500 crore to start a programme of diversification that would promote technological innovation and encourage farmers to choose crop alternatives.</p>	<p>Guidelines of the scheme have been formulated. The state-wise allocation for 2013-14 for this sub-scheme has already been communicated to implementing states.</p> <p>State-wise allocation of funds has been finalized and communicated to all States. States have submitted the Action Plan and the same have been cleared by DAC. States have been requested to get the Action Plans approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee.</p> <p>An amount of <b>Rs. 112.25 crore</b> has been released to Punjab State so far.</p>
3	49	<p>Eminent agricultural scientists have suggested that we start a pilot programme on Nutri-Farms for introducing new crop varieties that are rich in micro-nutrients such as iron-rich bajra, protin rich maize and zinc-rich wheat. I propose to provide a sum of upto Rs. 200 crore to start the pilots. Ministry of Agriculture will formulate a scheme and I hope that agri- business and farmers will come together to start a sufficient number of pilots in the districts</p>	<p>State-wise allocation of funds has been finalised and communicated to all States. States were requested to submit Action Plans accordingly. The proposals received have been examined and cleared with request to get the same approved by the State Level Sanctioning Committee and submit the same to this ministry for release of funds.</p> <p>Total amount of <b>Rs. 92.24 crore</b> has been released to the States of Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Uttrakhand and Uttar Pradesh for this programme during 2013-14 so far.</p>

		most affected by malnutrition.	
4	51	A pilot scheme to replant and rejuvenate coconut gardens that was implemented in some districts of Kerala and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands will be extended to the entire State of Kerala and I propose to provide an additional sum of Rs. 75.00 crore in 2013-14.	The scheme has been extended to the entire State of Kerala vide order No. 4-73.2006-Hort. II (Vol-II) dated 8 <sup>th</sup> May, 2013. Funds will be released to the implementing agencies with the approval of Ministry of Finance, Budget Division by obtaining supplementary Demands for Grants.
5	52	<b>Farmer Producer Organizations</b> Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO), including Farmer Producer Companies (FPC), have emerged as aggregators of farm produce and link farmers directly to markets. To signal our support to them, I intend to provide matching equity grants to registered FPOs upto a maximum of Rs. 10 lakh per FPO to enable them to leverage working capital from financial institutions. I propose to provide Rs. 50 crore for this purpose. Besides, a Credit Guarantee Fund will also be created in the Small Farmers' Agri. Business Corporation (consortium with an initial corpus of Rs. 100 crore. I urge State Governments to support such FPOs through necessary amendments to the APMC Act and in other ways.	In-principle approval of Agriculture Minister has been obtained for new scheme entitled 'Equity Fund and Credit Guarantee Fund'. EFC Note has been circulated to all concerned Departments.