



## AGRICULTURE SECTOR

**Agriculture Department**:- A sum of Rs. 2292.500 million were allocated to Agriculture Department for implementation of 40 (23 on-going + 17 new) schemes during the year 2008-09. The Finance Department released Rs. 610.060 million (Rs.151.322 million on Capital side and Rs. 458.738 million on Revenue side) upto 31.12.2008 against which Rs. 195.302 million stood utilized upto Dec, 2008 which is 32.0% of funds released.

2. A total of 17 new schemes were included in ADP 2008-09 under Agriculture Sector. All the schemes were considered by the competent forums and were approved. However funds have been released only for one scheme where as funds for other 16 schemes amounting to Rs. 907.250 million are not yet released as the codal formalities are yet to be completed.

3. The Sub-Sector wise position is as under:-

(Rs. in million)

Sr.#	Sub-Sector	No. of Schemes		<u>Allocation 2008-09</u>			Releases (July'08 to Dec'08)	Expdt (July'08 to Dec'08)	Expdt. as %age of releases
		On-going	New	On-going	New	Total			
01.	Agriculture Research	5	5	107.332	87.500	194.832	61.305	22.656	36.9%
02.	Agriculture Education	1	-	29.202	-	29.202	14.602	6.669	45.6%
03.	Agri. Mechanization	5	4	225.000	370.000	595.000	75.000	30.350	40.4%
<b>04.</b>	<b>Agri Extension</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>480.312</b>	<b>610.000</b>	<b>1090.312</b>	<b>298.901</b>	<b>107.520</b>	
	A. Water Management	4	2	255.000	40.000	295.000	182.500	38.055	20.8%
	B. Extension	4	6	225.312	570.000	795.312	116.401	69.465	59.6%
05.	Agriculture Marketing	4	-	383.154	-	383.154	160.252	28.107	17.5%
	<b>Total:- 40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1225.000</b>	<b>1067.500</b>	<b>2292.500</b>	<b>610.060</b>	<b>195.302</b>	<b>32.0%</b>

### Agriculture Research

4. A sum of Rs. 194.832 million were allocated on Revenue side for 10 schemes (5 on-going + 5 new) against which Rs. 61.305 million were released for 05 on-going schemes out of which Rs 22.656 million were utilized by the Department which is 36.9% of releases which is discouraging. There were below mentioned 05 new un-approved schemes included in ADP 2008-09 which stand approved but no funds have been released. It was observed from MPR that for 04 schemes at Sr. No. 6,7,9 & 10. Authentication of A.A was pending in Finance Department.

6	Establishment of Fodder Research Station at Tando Jam and introduction of Salt Tolerant High Yielding Variety of Fodder in Sindh.	Authentication of A.A was pending in Finance Department
7	Fruit Fly Project.	-do-
8	Dev. and Promotion of Quality Seed through Public Private Partnership in Sindh	Modified PC-I awaited.
9	Promotion of Kitchen Gardening by providing Technical and Financial Support to Rural Women.	Authentication of A.A was pending in Finance Department
10	Dev. Of Skilled Manpower Particularly in Sindh	-do-

### **Agriculture Education:**

5. There is only one on-going scheme appearing at ADP Sr. No. 11 namely "Agriculture Sector Professional Development Centre at Sakrand" for which an allocation of Rs. 29.202 million has been made against which Rs. 14.602 million were released and an expenditure of Rs. 6.669 million was incurred which was 45.6% of funds released. A.D needs to accelerate the pace of work on the scheme.

### **Agriculture Mechanization.**

6. It appears from the MPR for the month of Dec, 2008 that Rs. 595.00 million were allocated for 09 schemes (05 on-going + 4 new). For the 05 on-going schemes mentioned below appearing at Sr. No. 12, 13,14,15 & 16, the funds amounting to Rs. 75.000 million were released only for 02 on-going schemes at sr. no. 14 & 16 and Rs. 30.305 million were utilized which was 40.4% of funds released and for the remaining 03 on-going schemes no funds were released as their A.A was not yet authenticated by Finance Department since last 2 months.

(12)	Installation of 1500 Tubewells in Sindh	A.A pending in F.D
(13)	Procurement of Agricultural Implements.	-do-
(14)	Modernization of Training & Research facilities in Agriculture Engineering.	Work in progress.
(15)	Procurement of Wheat, Paddy and Sunflower Threshers for Providing to Farmers on 50% Subsidy.	A.A pending in F.D
(16)	Replacement of Earth Moving Machinery in Sindh.	Work in pgress

7. There are following 04 new un-approved schemes appearing at Sr. No. 17, 18, 19 & 20 where no funds have been released. Out of the 4 schemes, 3 schemes appearing at ADP No. 18, 19 & 20 were approved but modified PC-Is were not yet cleared as there were some additional observation which are yet to be complied with.

(17)	Establishment of Controlled Atmosphere Stores and Cold Storages in Sindh.	Line Plan/RCE
(18)	Up-Gradation of Agri. Engineering. Workshop and Estb. Of Fleet Management System (F.Ms) for Agriculture Machinery.	Scheme pending with P&D
(19)	Estb. Of Tractor land Laser Operator Training Centre and use of allied implement for School leaving & Matriculated Boys Students.	Reply awaited on additional observation by P&D.
(20)	Provision of Processing Plants including Dryers for Agro Based Products.	-DO-

## **Agriculture Extension**

8. A- Water Management:- Under Water Management Sub-sector, Rs. 295.000 million were allocated for 06 schemes (4 on-going + 2 new) against which Rs. 182.500 million were released and only Rs. 38.055 million were utilized which is 20.8% of releases and is totally un-satisfactory.

9. It is observed from MPR that funds amounting to Rs. 12.500 million were released for the on-going scheme namely “Sindh On Farm Water Management Project” but nil expenditure is reported.

10. There is one non-ADP on-going scheme namely “Additional Lining of already improved water courses in Sindh” for which Rs. 70.000 million were allocated and the entire funds were released but Rs. 10.234 million were utilized which is 14.2% of the funds released.

11. There is one on-going scheme namely “China Pakistan Science & Technology Cooperation Project for promotion of Efficient Irrigation Technology in Sindh” for which Rs. 5.00 million were allocated but the funds were not released as foreign Aid is not yet materialized.

12. There are following 02 new un-approved schemes appearing at Sr. No. 25 & 26 with an allocation of Rs. 40.00 million which were approved and codal formalities were being completed for release of funds.

(25)	Installation Wind Mill for Pumping Irrigation water & land Reclamation from water logging & salinity.	Modified PC-I is waited.
(26)	Constt. of 1500 water courses (in Non-command area) for lift pumps already working in Sindh.	Already pending in P&D

### **Extension.**

13. Under Extension sub-sector, Rs. 795.312 million were allocated for 10 schemes (4 on-going + 6 new) against which Rs 116.401 million were released and Rs. 69.465 million utilized which is 59.6% of the releases.

14. There are following 02 on-going schemes appearing at Sr. No. 27 & 28 against which Rs. 159.434 million were allocated but no funds had been released. For scheme No. 27 report is submitted by Secretary Agriculture and in light of the report modified PC-I is to be submitted by the Department. As regards scheme No. 28, A.A is pending in Finance Department.

(27)	Establishment of Agro-Export Processing Zone for Fruits, Vegetables, Flowers & Allied Processed Products from Local Farms / Processing Units to Overseas Markets.
(28)	Transfer of Agriculture Messages to farmers through Electronic and Print Media (Phase-II).

15. There are following 06 new schemes appearing at Sr. No. 31 to 36. All the schemes were approved. However funds amounting to Rs. 90.250 million were released for only one scheme at Sr. No. 35 and Rs. 61.108 million were utilized. For the remaining 05 schemes the codal formalities were under process for release of funds.

(31)	Community Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Plant Nutrition Management in Sindh.	Modified PC-I is awaited from DG (Ext).
(32)	Training of Women folk in cotton Picking for Promotion of Clean Cotton Product.	A.A of the scheme has been sent to FD on 11.11.2008.
(33)	Strengthening of Directorate of Crops Reporting Services Sindh.	Clearance of the scheme is pending with P&D Dept. since 1.12.2008.
(34)	Strengthening of Agriculture Training Institution at Jacobabad.	Scheme is pending for want of line plan and rough cost estimates from work & Service Deptt.
(35)	Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Programme.	Work in progress
(36)	Agriculture Services Centers in Sindh (08 Units / Districts).	Scheme is pending for want of line plan and rough cost estimates from W&S Deptt.

### **Agriculture Marketing.**

16. Under Agriculture Marketing Sub-sector, Rs. 383.154 million were allocated for following 04 on-going schemes appearing at Sr. No. 37,38,39 & 40 for which Rs. 160.252 million were released and only Rs. 28.107 million were utilized only on one scheme no. 39 which was 17.5% of funds released.

(37).	Establishment of meat Fish and Vegetable Market at Qasimabad, Hyderabad.
(38).	Dev. of internal road water supply drainage and other modern facilities and Liabilities of KESC in new SUBZI Mandi Kazrachi.
(39).	Estb. of new Subzi Mandies Cold Storage at Karachi (2 Nos), Mirpurkhas, Tando Allahyar and Shahpur Jahania.
(40).	Constt. of Mirch Mandi, Kunri, (Kunri District Umerkot).

17. As evident from the Mid Year Review, the overall progress and utilization position of the Agriculture Department is very discouraging. It is apprehended that if the procedural delays are not over come immediately and the progress is not accelerated the allocated funds would not be utilized on these schemes and the targets set for the current financial year may not be achieved.