

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2503
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BUDGET OF ICAR
RATNA SINGH

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the budget allocation of the Indian Council for Agriculture Research (ICAR) has been reduced in the previous year;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether it has cast adverse impact on agriculture research; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage agriculture research in view of importance of agriculture in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) The Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance impose budgetary cuts due to financial constraints in the country.
- (c) Keeping in view the extent of availability of funds, the ICAR reprioritized its requirement for various schemes and projects so that no major adverse effect is felt.
- (d) While pursuing the matter with the Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance to get the total allocated IX Plan funds, the DARE/ICAR has successfully obtained a funding of Rs. 861.30 crore from the World Bank for the National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP).