

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2991
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PERFORMANCE OF DIRECTORATE OF MAIZE RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any appraisal/review relating to performance of Directorate of Maize Research, Pusa has been made;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in physical and financial terms, during the last two years and thereafter;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure that its performance commensurate with the investment made therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir. A QRT team under the chairmanship of Dr. R.L. Paliwal and the Research Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. A.S. Khehra had reviewed the performance of the Directorate of Maize Research (DMR) and have given recommendations which have been incorporated in the Xth Plan.

(b) During the last two years, infrastructure facilities such as Biotechnology lab, Biochemistry lab, Cold storage facility, land development at new centre at Begusarai, Bihar, and Winter Nursery Centre, Hyderabad have been created. Financial outlay of DMR and its AICRP (All India Coordinated Research Projects) centres for the last two years are as follows:-

The Budget allocation for the year 2001-02 was Rs. 668.11 Lakhs and expenditure incurred was Rs. 666.25 Lakhs and Budget allocation for the year 2002-03 was Rs. 746.00 Lakhs and expenditure incurred was Rs. 738.72 Lakhs.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) To ensure proper implementation of the different research programmes, the programmes of various centres are formulated and finalized in the All India Coordinated Maize Research Workshop/Group Meeting. The programmes are also reviewed by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the Directorate. Also during the cropping season monitoring teams visit different centres to monitor and advice on the implementation of the programmes.