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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURE RESEARCH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are contemplating upon the scheme to set up Agriculture Research Centres (ARCs) providing assistance to the farmers for making them self-reliant in foodgrains;
- (b) if so, the reasons for non-allocation of sufficient funds to the ARCs despite our reliance on agriculture and its being the highest in respect of the percentage agricultural coverage;
- (c) the total expenditure incurred on agriculture research work during 2004-05; and
- (d) the work being carried out under the research work to augment the agricultural yield and improve the quality of yield in order to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers in the market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Since the financial year 2004-2005 concluded recently, the book of accounts on expenditure are in the process of finalization. However, the Revised Estimate during 2004-05 were Rs.900 crore under Plan and Rs.775 crore under Non-Plan.

(d) The details are given in Annexure-I.
ANNEXURE-I

#To sustain and further enhance food and nutrition security, 81 improved varieties and hybrids of various crops are released in the year 2004-05.

Emphasis is laid on collection, conservation, evaluation and sustainable use of genetic resources in plants, animals, fish & micro-organisms.

The National Gene Bank on Plants holds more than 2,80,000 accessions.

Emphasis laid on increasing productivity of horticultural crops by evolving high yielding varieties and technologies.

A Network Programme on organic farming involving 10 research centres has been initiated to develop technology for organically produced food.

A Network Programme involving 15 research centres to study climate change, it's impact on agriculture and devising strategies to negate the impact of predicted climate is initiated.

Development of strategies for control of animal diseases and breed improvement for milk, meat, draft, fiber & egg in various livestock and poultry species through selection is initiated.

Development of geographical information system for maintenance of database for marine fisheries resources.

Cryo-preservation of primordial germcells of Indian major carp fishes.

#The Government has approved for establishment of Krishi Vigyan Kendras in all the rural districts of the country by the end of Tenth Five Year Plan.

Centres of Excellence in State Agricultural Universities to achieve education excellence in teaching, research consultancy and other services.