

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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MODERNISATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether no money has been spent for the modernisation of Agricultural Research Centres during Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, whether the percentage out of Gross Agricultural produce being spent on Agricultural Research;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to modernise Agricultural Research Centres, in view of the increasing import of agricultural products and to meet the needs of the domestic market?

Answer

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

- (a) The Planning Commission did not provide separate budget for renovation/ modernisation of infrastructure under National Agricultural Research System, though, an amount of Rs.1000 crore was proposed in the form of One Time Catch Up Grant for this purpose, while submitting the Tenth Five Year Plan proposals of the Department. In the absence of any separate funding on this account, the Department could not take up large-scale renovation / modernisation of infrastructure. However, in a very limited scale, this requirement was considered in the Tenth Five Year Plan Expenditure Finance Committees / Standing Finance Committees of various Plan Schemes.
- (b) About 0.3% of AGDP is being spent as plan and non-plan total budget of the Department
- (c) During the last five years i.e. 1999-2000 to 2003-2004, the percentage share of total budget allocation of the Department (Plan + Non Plan) is about 0.29%, 0.33%, 0.29%, 0.33% and 0.30%, respectively, based on the Agriculture GDP at current prices.
- (d) Planning Commission has already been requested to provide separate budget for large scale renovation/modernisation of the age-old infrastructure of the National Agricultural Research System.