

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:541
ANSWERED ON:22.05.2006
OUTLAY FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the percentage of plan outlay earmarked to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) has declined from 0.61 per cent in 2004-05 to 0.56 per cent in 2005-06;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to revive and encourage agricultural diversification when the outlay earmarked for agricultural research is dwindling;
- (d) whether the DARE has evolved new projects/initiatives to address the emerging issues in various sectors; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.541 TO BE ANSWERED ON 22/05/2006 REGARDING 'OUTLAY FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH'.

(a) & (b): The percentage of Plan Outlay of DARE with respect to total Central Plan Outlay of the country was 0.61 per cent during 2004-05 which declined to 0.54 per cent during 2005-06. The total Central Plan Outlay of the country during 2004-05 was Rs.162947.29 crore, which increased to Rs.211253.49 crore during 2005-06 hence, due to substantial increase in the total Central Plan Outlay of the country during 2005-06 over the year 2004-05, there was some decline in the percentage share of DARE. However, in absolute terms there was an increase of Rs.150 crore during 2005-06 over the Plan Outlay of Rs.1000 crore during 2004-05.

(c) As the Plan Outlay of DARE was increased substantially during 2005-06 over the year 2004-05, the Department could meet the requirement of its Plan funds for implementation of approved programmes/schemes including diversification in agriculture.

(d) & (e): The details of new activities/initiatives are given in Annexure-I.