

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSESSMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EXTENSION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the health of agricultural research and extension system and its ability to cope with the challenges that Indian agriculture faces; and

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): The Department has a number of mechanisms for assessment of the health of agricultural research on discipline/problem perspectives, which are as follows:-

i. At the institute level there are Staff Research Council (SRC) and Research Advisory Committee (RAC).

ii. At the Regional level, there are eight Regional Committees to address the agricultural problems pertaining to agro-climatic and agro-ecological regions of the country.

iii. In addition, Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) is constituted for each of the Institute/Coordinated Projects to assess the research programmes taken up for five years and to suggest the appropriate strategies for future.

iv. The Department has established a network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) at the district level. The KVK aims at assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/products on farming system perspectives.

A number of technologies related to crop production, crop protection, livestock production and management, fishery, and post harvest and value addition have been developed.