

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CENTRAL GRANT FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry of Agriculture has requested approval of one time Central Grant of Rs. 1000 crores to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) to augment the infrastructure for agricultural research in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government in this regard; and
- (c) the time by which the Government is likely to accord its approval?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b)& (C): The demand for one time Catch up Grant received in April, 06, pertained mainly to research and infrastructural support to DARE / ICAR. The requirement of funds for research / infrastructure facilities of ICAR institutes has already been taken care of while approving the proposals during Xth Five Year Plan, keeping in view the past performance and availability of resources. Year wise utilization trend of DARE indicates less than full utilization of funds. Further, additional need based demands have been considered and supported favourably. Hence, the Catch up grant referred was not supported by the Planning Commission.