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INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to increase investment in the field of agriculture science and in the infrastructural and policy research; and
(b) if so, the details of the plans being formulated by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) has submitted Eleventh Five Year Plan Proposal amounting Rs.12176.40 crore to Planning Commission for strengthening ongoing research and addressing the emerging issues in agricultural research and education. In addition, a proposal for `Mini Mission-1 on Wheat, Rice and Pulses` with an outlay of Rs.1130 crore to address national food security issue has been proposed to Planning Commission. For up-gradation of infrastructure and to enhance regional research and education capabilities a proposal `Enhancing Regional Research and Educational Capabilities-Modernization of Research and Instructional Farms and Laboratories of the Agricultural Universities` with an outlay of Rs.760 crore has also been submitted to the Planning Commission.