

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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INSPECTIONS BY AUDIT TEAM OF ICAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Audit Team of Indian Council of Agricultural Research has been conducting regular inspections in its institutes;
- (b) if so, the details of the institutes inspected by ICAR Audit Team during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether the Audit Team has not inspected a number of institutes and National Research Centres since its inception;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the steps being taken to ensure regular inspection of the institutes by the ICAR Audit Team?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. The ICAR Inspection Team is conducting periodical inspection of its Institutes/NRCs.

(b) Following 9 Institutes/Centres have been inspected during last three years :

1. Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Shikopur.
2. National Research Centre on Mushroom, Solan.
3. National Research Centre on Groundnut, Junagadh.
4. Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Cochin.
5. Education Division, ICAR Headquarter.
6. High Security Animal Diseases Laboratory, Bhopal.
7. Central Soil & Water Conservation Research & Training Institute, Dehradun.
8. Project Directorate for Cropping System Research, Meerut (Special Audit for long pending outstanding advances).
9. ICAR Research Complex for North East Hill Region, Barapani, Meghalaya (Special Audit for Short Terms Deposits).

(c) A few Institutes/Centres have not been inspected since inception.

(d) - Shortage of staff.
- Engagement of staff in a number of time-bound and important works viz. CAG/PAC paras, Annual Audit of ICAR Consolidated Accounts, Special Audit, Separate Audit Report, Settlement of outstanding advances, Settlement of outstanding paras of Local Audit in respect of all ICAR Institutes.

(e) Team is being deputed on priority to clear the backlog of inspections.

