

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BIFURCATION OF ICAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to bifurcate the ICAR into food and non-food crops;
- (b) whether ICAR has not been able to focus on commercial crops;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to improve the present functioning of ICAR;
- (d) whether fully autonomy is likely to be given to regional offices of the ICAR; and
- (e) the steps proposed to make ICAR more productive and also result-oriented in its research and other activities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. ICAR has been able to focus on commercial crops. There is an exclusive Division to Crop Sciences. The Crop Science Division organises research on Cotton, Sugarcane, Tobacco, Jute and Allied Fibres in addition to other crops. National Research Institutes and Centres for All India Coordinated Research Projects on Cotton, Sugarcane, Jute and a Network Project on Tobacco are established in various parts of the country.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Various steps have been taken for making the research more productive and result oriented. There are eight Subject Matter Divisions, namely; Crop Sciences, Horticulture, Engineering, Natural Resource and Management (NRM), Animal Science, Agricultural Extension, Education and Fishery Division. The Subject Matter Divisions identify the various priority areas and the work on various research projects is carried out with the objective of enhancing the production and yield of various crops.

Research is conducted at four National Institutes, 45 Central Institutes, 30 National Research Centres, 10 Project Directorates, 4 Project Bureaux and 80 All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP).

For speeding up research efficiency, many arrangements have been made. Quinquennial Review Teams (QRTs) have been set up and they review the working of the National Institutes, Central Institutes and National Research Centres. Besides, Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Scientific Research Committees (SRC) and Institute Management Committee (IMC) have been set up for evaluating the progress of the research projects of the Institutes. Thus necessary steps have been taken to make ICAR more productive and result oriented.