

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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ICAR AND TOBACCO FARMERS  
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether ICAR propose to extend adequate research and land knowledge for the tobacco growing farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps being taken to ensure proper coordination between ICAR and tobacco growing farmers;
- (d) whether funds granted to various Institute under ICAR are not being fully utilised;
- (e) if so, reasons therefor; and
- (f) the measures taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Central Tobacco Research Institute (CTRI) and the Centres of All India Coordinated Research Project on Tobacco located at different State Agricultural Universities have developed a number of high yielding varieties, integrated pest and disease management practices, suitable manurial schedules and cultural practices for different types of tobacco and recommended to tobacco farmers. The results are being popularized among farmers through development departments/agencies, like State Depts. of Agriculture, Tobacco Board, Lead Banks. Also, awareness about technologies is being created among the farmers through radio, newspapers, Farmers` Days and Agricultural Market Committee (AMC) level farmers` meetings.

(c) The CTRI of ICAR and Centres of All India Coordinated Research Project on Tobacco located at different State Agriculture Universities are in contact with farmers through different Government and Non-Government Organizations for popularization of technologies developed by them.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) & (f) Does not arise.