

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to start a number of compact Agricultural Research Institutes dealing with specific crops and plantations in different parts of the country;
- (b) whether the existing research structure and institutional sphere are not conducive to find solutions to farmers` problems;
- (c) whether any study has been done to re-shape the agricultural research scene in the country; and
- (d) if so, details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) The ICAR has already established a number of Institutes/National Research Centres/Project Directorates/All India Coordinate Research Projects dealing with specific crops as well as compact institutes for a group of crops and plantations in different parts of the country.
- (b) The existing research institutes are conducive in finding solutions to farmers` problems.
- (c) & (d) A VISION-2020 document has been brought out to reorient the agricultural research in India. The document articulates a vision, a roadmap and a blue print for action. It enumerates paradigm shifts in harnessing science, engineering, National Agricultural Research System (NARS) and growth oriented responsive and responsible governance. The elements of the Vision document include efficiency, system approach, frontier sciences, human resources development, partnership, technology transfer and change of mind set.