

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:178

ANSWERED ON:13.12.2004

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual income earned by the Government from the gross agricultural production in the country;
- (b) the percentage out of that spent by the Government on the research and development work in the agricultural sector;
- (c) the details of the last three years in this regard, year-wise;
- (d) whether various committees have recommended to spend at least one per cent of it; and
- (e) if so, the action taken by the Government to implement these recommendations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 178 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2004 REGARDING "RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT WORK IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR".

(a) Separate data on annual income from agriculture sector to the Government is not generated. However, the value of output from agriculture and allied sectors including fisheries and forestry is Rs.622164 crore during 2002-03 at current prices. The agricultural GDP accounts for Rs.509907 crore, whereas, the overall GDP is computed as Rs.2249493 crore. The Agriculture and Allied sector contribute 22.67% to overall GDP. (Source: National Accounts Statistics 2004, CSO)

(b) & (c): During last three years i.e. 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 the total amount allocated to Department of Agricultural Research and Education works out to Rs.4398.77 crore. The amount allocated on R&D during 2002-03 was Rs.1498.80 crore which is 0.29% of the Agricultural GDP and 0.066% of overall GDP at current prices. The year-wise details are as under:

Year % of Department of Agricultural Research
and Education allocation w.r.t. AGDP at
current prices

2000-01	0.30%
2001-02	0.27%
2002-03	0.29%

(d) The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture and the Xth Plan Working Group on Agricultural Research and Education constituted by Planning Commission have recommended to allocate at least 1% of AGDP on agricultural research and education.

(e) The relevant recommendations of these Committees were sent to Planning Commission and Ministry of Finance for their consideration, after which Department of Agricultural Research and Education has also pursued the matter with them.