

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the funds earmarked for agricultural research during Eleventh Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether there is a need to increase investment on agricultural research in the country; and
- (c) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

- (a) The funds for Eleventh Five Year Plan of DARE/ICAR are yet to be communicated by Planning Commission. However, Rs.1620 crore has been allocated for the year 2007-08.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) The Department has submitted Eleventh Five Year Plan Proposal of Rs.12176.40 crore to Planning Commission. In addition, a proposal for `Mini Mission-1 on Wheat, Rice and Pulses` with an outlay of Rs.1130 crore and for `Enhancing Regional Research and Educational Capabilities - Modernization of Research and Instructional Farms and Laboratories of the Agricultural Universities` with an outlay of Rs.760 crore has also been submitted to the Planning Commission.