

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2212
ANSWERED ON:21.07.2009
TAMIL NADU AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government propose to upgrade the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has sanctioned funds for the purpose;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the allocation made to Tamil Nadu under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the agriculture sector during each of the last three years and the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Higher Agricultural Education is a State subject. Establishment and upgradation of State Agricultural Universities are in the purview of the State Government concerned. Accordingly, upgradation of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University pertains to the State Government of Tamil Nadu. However, the Union Government had announced a special grant of Rs.50.00 crores during 2007-08, for development of the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

(c) & (d): The special grant of Rs.49.99 crores has been released to the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University during the period (2007-10) as below: (Rs. in lakhs)

| S.No. | Head | Sanction | | | | Released | |
|-------|------------------------|----------|---------|---------|---------|----------|-----|
| | | 2007-10 | 2007-08 | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | | |
| 1. | HRD | | 270 | 135 | 96 | 39 | |
| 2. | Contingencies | | | 1459 | 575 | 742 | 142 |
| 3. | Equipments | | 2199 | 1310 | 669 | 220 | |
| 4. | Works | | 680 | 295 | 322 | 63 | |
| 5. | Land | | 23 | 0 | 23 | 0 | |
| 6. | Fixtures and Furniture | | | 368 | 185 | 148 | 35 |

TOTAL 4999 2500 2000 499

(e) Under the various Central Schemes, allocations of Rs.48.29 crores for 2006-07, Rs.67.31 crores for 2007-08, Rs.68.23 crores for 2008-09 and Rs.48.13 crores for 2009-10, including the special grant, have been made by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and Government of India for the Tamil Nadu Agricultural University.

Additionally, under the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes, Rs.182.88 crores for 2006-07, Rs.640.66 crores for 2007-08, Rs.419.75 crores for 2008-09 and Rs.177.04 crores for 2009-10 have been allocated by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture to the State of Tamil Nadu for the agriculture sector.