

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the funds allocated during each of the three years for research and development work in agriculture;
- (b) the details of utilization of funds during the said period;
- (c) whether any Monitoring Committee has been constituted to monitor the expenditure and progress of agricultural research in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) The funds allocated for research and development work in agriculture during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is Rs.1400 crore, Rs.1620 crore and Rs.1760 crore respectively.
- (b) The utilization of funds allocated during 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 were Rs.1368.03 crore, Rs.1284.26 crores and Rs.1653.81 crores.
- (c) Yes, Madam.
- (d) ICAR has set up Institute Research Council (IRC), Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Quinquennial Review Team (QRT) for monitoring the progress of agricultural research. In addition, ICAR has also developed mechanisms for evaluation through independent agencies.

Monitoring of the expenditure is carried out by internal and external auditing as well as by Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), Government of India.