

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds earmarked for R & D works in agriculture sector;
- (b) whether the Government has increased the allocation for agricultural research during the last two years;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken to enhance allocation for agricultural research?

Answer

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

(a) During the current financial year (2010-11) BE of Rs.3818.05 crore (plan fund = Rs. 2300 crore, and non-plan fund = Rs. 1518.05 crore) has been proposed for Department of Agricultural Research / Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(b) & (c): During each of the last two years (2008-09 and 2009-10) the plan fund allocation (BE/RE) has been Rs.1760 crore; whereas the non-plan fund allocation (BE) for 2008-09 was Rs.920 crore which was enhanced to Rs.1200 crore at RE stage and for the year (2009-10) the non-plan BE & RE were Rs.1481.40 crore and Rs. 1501.36 crore respectively. Thus, the non-plan budget has been increased during the year 2009-10 over the previous year 2008-09.

(d) During the current financial year 2010-11, the plan as well as non-plan allocation has been increased substantially in comparison to the allocation during 2009-10.