

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RESEARCH ON FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether research on foodgrains is being carried out in agriculture research institutes;
- (b) if so, the details of such projects, foodgrain-wise;
- (c) the time by which the projects are likely to be completed indicating the time when such projects were started; and
- (d) the details of the average annual expenditure incurred on the projects?

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) Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The crop wise projects on Crop Improvement, Crop protection, Crop Production, Multi-location Evaluation etc. on foodgrains are being undertaken in the following Institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):

Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa, New Delhi; Central Rice Research Institute (CRRRI), Cuttack; Directorate of Rice Research, Hyderabad; Directorate of Sorghum Research, Hyderabad; Directorate of Maize Research, New Delhi; Directorate of Wheat Research, Karnal; Vivekanand Parvatiya Krishi Anusandhan Sansthan (VPKAS), Almora; Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur and the All India Co-ordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) on Rice, Wheat, Maize, Sorghum, Pearl millet, Small-Milles, Under-utilized Crops, Chickpea, Pigeonpea, Arid Legumes and MULLaRP (Mungbean, Urdbean, Lentil, Lathyrus, rajmash and Peas). Research on foodgrains is of a continuing nature.

(d) On the basis of last three years, the average expenditure on research on foodgrains by ICAR has been of the order of Rs.100 crores per annum.