

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6242
ANSWERED ON:04.05.2010
NEW VARIETIES OF WHEAT AND RICE
Lal Shri Pakauri;Patel Shri Devji

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Indian agri-scientists are developing new high yielding varieties of wheat and paddy;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the time by which the said varieties are likely be made available to the farmers for sowing; and
- (d) the amount spent on research on wheat and paddy during each of the last three years?

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) Yes, Madam. So far more than 900 high yielding varieties of rice and 372 varieties of wheat have been developed and released for different agro-ecosystems of the country.
- (b) The varieties developed and released in rice and wheat during last three years (2007-2009) for different agro-ecosystems have been given in Annexure-I & II.
- (c) ICAR is mandated to produce breeder seed of the released and notified varieties as per Department of Agriculture and Cooperation indent. Every year, this breeder seed is further multiplied as foundation and certified seed to make it available to the farmers. In Rice, 4333 quintal and in wheat 28974 quintal of breeder seed of different varieties was produced during 2008-2009.
- (d) The amount spent on wheat and paddy research by ICAR as plan expenditure during last three years was:

(Rs. in Lakh)
2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Rice	1379.00	1893.84	1861.99
Wheat	803.00	1874.49	1740.85