

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1575
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN AGRICULTURE
Rajendran Shri C.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the funds allocated for research and development in agriculture during each of the last three years;
- (b) the details of utilization of such funds during the said period;
- (c) whether any monitoring committee has been constituted to monitor the extent of expenditure and review the performance of agricultural research in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the outcome of the review made by the said committee?

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): The Plan funds allocated and utilized in respect of DARE/ICAR are as under:
(Rs. in crore) 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

BE RE Actual BE RE Actual BE RE Actual up to March 2010

1620 1434 1317.19 1760 1760 1652.61 1760 1760 1754.13

(c) to (e): No, Madam, no special monitoring committee as such as been constituted by ICAR/DARE to monitor the extent of expenditure and review the performance of agricultural research. However, the ICAR has an in-built mechanism of monitoring the performance of agricultural research and expenditure, such as Institute Research Committee (IRC), Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Quinquennial Review Team (QRT). In addition, ICAR has also developed mechanism for evaluation through independent agencies. Eight major Plan Schemes have already been evaluated by outside and independent agencies/organizations, as per details annexed. Monitoring of the expenditure is carried out by internal and external auditing.