

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH POLICY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate new agricultural research policy to increase the pace of research in the agriculture sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is formulating any effective scheme for making hybrid seeds available to the farmers, use of modern technique in crops and training the farmers in new methods to accelerate agricultural production;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**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) & (b): Madam, Research programme/projects are reoriented and revisited as per emerging needs. Recently focus of research has been on strengthening of climate resilient agriculture, conservation, improvement and efficient utilization of natural resources, and developing new seeds having high disease resistance, high yield, acceptable grain quality and suitability for mechanisation to improve agriculture production.

(c) & (d): Madam, Government is promoting Cereal Hybrid Seed under the Central Sector Scheme "Development and Strengthening and Infrastructure facilities for production and distribution of quality seeds" from 2005-06 onwards. Under the above scheme production subsidy is given @ Rs.20/- Per kg and distribution subsidy @ Rs.25/-per kg to the States Department of Agriculture, State Seed Corporations, State Agricultural Universities, National Seed Corporation, State Farms Corporation of India and private seed companies for production and distribution of notified hybrids.

Financial assistance is also provided for training on hybrid rice seed production technology @ Rs.15,000/- per training for 50 participants for 3 days duration to the implementing agencies for imparting training to the seed producers. Further, training programmes for farmers are taken up by the network of Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

(e) Does not arise.