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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided advance research facilities to Konkan Krishi Vidhyapeeth, Dapoli;
- (b) the details of funds provided to promote agricultural research in the agriculture universities in Maharashtra during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether any agricultural international market exists in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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) DARE is implementing through ICAR, a centrally sponsored plan scheme viz. Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India, under which financial assistance is extended to all Agricultural Universities in the country, including Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth (Dapoli), for maintaining and upgrading quality and relevance of higher agricultural education. Under the scheme, during the last three years of the XI Five year plan, funds to the tune of Rs.17.70 crore have been provided (including for modernization of Farms) to the Konkan Krishi Vidhyapeeth (Dapoli).

There is also one cooperating centre of All India Coordinated Research Project on Ergonomics and safety in Agriculture operating at Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli since 2009 to address the productivity, health and safety issues in Agriculture Sector of the region.

(b): To promote agricultural education in the Agriculture Universities of Maharashtra, assistance worth Rs.197.96 crore has been extended during the last three years including special grant of Rs.83.96 crore out of Rs.100 crore sanctioned for MPKV, Rahuri for building infrastructure and facilities to upgrade the agricultural research and education.

During the XI Plan period a total of Rs.1377.484 lakhs have been given under different Agricultural Engineering Schemes to promote agricultural research in the agricultural university of Maharashtra.

Funding to the tune of Rs.1676 lakh (approx.) has been provided in the XI Plan under All India Coordinated crop Research projects operated with Horticulture Division for different Agricultural universities in the state of Maharashtra.

(c) & (d): ICAR does not have any information about Agricultural International Market in India.