

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2272
ANSWERED ON:23.11.2010
DECENTRALISATION OF RESEARCH
Viswanathan Shri P.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes decentralization of research in the institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agriculture Universities to empower scientists and research teams with greater administrative and financial autonomy; and

(b) 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) & (b): Research activities in the ICAR and their execution are planned at the level of the institutes themselves, under the overall guidance of their respective Research Advisory Committees. Similarly, Agricultural Universities set their own research agenda. In the All- India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP), different institutions of ICAR and universities coordinate crop-specific or issue specific or location/situation-specific programmes under the overall supervision of the Project Coordinator. Respective Subject-Matter Divisions monitor and provide necessary guidance to research activities, if required, keeping in view national priorities and the mandates of the Institutes.