

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3355
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INVESTMENT IN AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to increase investment in agricultural research in the country;
- (b) if so, the required investment and the investment actually made in agricultural research;
- (c) the details of funds allocated by the Government for agricultural research during 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to revamp the Indian Council of Agricultural Research so as to make it more productive;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) the time by which it is likely to be revamped?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Visualizing the need to increase investment in agricultural research in the country, the DARE/ICAR has been allocated an outlay of Rs.12023 crore during XIth plan, which is substantially higher in comparison to Xth plan outlay of Rs.5368 crore and the IXth plan outlay of Rs.3376.95 crore.

The status of year-wise plan fund allocation and actual expenditure is as follows:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation	Actual Expenditure
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2007-08	1620.00	1284.26
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2008-09	1760.00	1653.81
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2009-10	1760.00	to be compiled
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(d) to (f): No such proposal is under consideration at present.