

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRES

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any system to review the working of Agriculture Research Centres to derive maximum benefits therefrom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of Agriculture Research Centres in the country including Orissa and the efforts made by them to increase productivity particularly of Turmeric and Ginger, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to open more Agriculture Research Centres during the 11th Five Year Plan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (f) the funds earmarked and allocated therefor?

**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): Yes, Madam. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has an in-built system to review the working of agricultural research centres through Quinquennial Review Team (QRT), Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Institute Research Council (IRC) for monitoring the progress of agricultural research. In addition, ICAR has also developed mechanism for evaluation through independent agencies in specific cases.

(c) DARE/ICAR has established 97 Institutes comprising 49 National Institutes (including 4 Deemed Universities), 6 National Bureaux, 24 Directorates/Project Directorates and 18 National Research Centres. Besides there are 64 All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRP) and 16 Network Projects located all over the country.

In Orissa DARE/ICAR has established 2 institutes, 2 Directorates and several AICRP centres.

ICAR has established Indian Institute of Spices Research, Calicut and National Research Centre on Seed Spices at Ajmer to provide technical support to the spice growers in the country, besides developing location and situation specific cultivars and technology. In Orissa, in the tribal area of Pottangi, a centre of AICRP Spices is functioning and it has developed technologies and varieties to improve production and productivity of turmeric and ginger.

(d) to (f): Yes, Madam. Two institutes viz. National Institute of Biotic Stress Management and Indian Institute of Agricultural Biotechnology have been agreed, in-principle.