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

- (a) whether various research projects are being undertaken in the field of agriculture by the agricultural research institutions and other research institutes in the public sector;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, food crop-wise;
- (c) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the average annual expenditure incurred on these projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Several ICAR Schemes that have research thrust in food crops are being carried out through its Research institutes and All India Coordinated Research Projects on various crops. The details of these are given in the enclosed Annexure. These research schemes endeavour to realize the full production potentials to meet the food and nutritional security in the country.

(c) The schemes are long term in nature and have permanent research infrastructure. The projects are being monitored regularly through respective Institute Research Council and Quinquennial Review Teams in regard to the progress of research.

(d) In the current five year plan period, the average annual plan expenditure on the Crop Sciences and Horticulture Divisions of ICAR is likely to be approximately Rs.201.5 crores per annum.