

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

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

- (a) whether the country receives foreign assistance for agricultural research and development works in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the financial assistance received in this regard has been decreasing over the last few years;
- (c) if so, the details of foreign assistance received for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (d) whether the Government is making any efforts to get a higher amount of foreign aid; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) No, Madam. As per information available, assistance from the World Bank which was US \$ 143 million under National Agricultural Technology Project (1998 – 2005) has been increased to US \$ 200 million under National Agricultural Innovation Project (2006 – 2012).

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) The Department of Agricultural Research and Education / Indian Council of Agricultural Research is taking various initiatives for getting higher amount of foreign aid from International Agencies and entering into suitable partnership for collaborative research programmes.