

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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STUDY ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a comprehensive study by a New Delhi based National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research on the total factor productivity in agriculture and the contribution of research investment to it has revealed some interesting findings that have significant policy implications;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the follow-up action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. A point of view has been expressed in a paper authored by Dr. Ramesh Chand, Director, National Centre for Agricultural Economics and Policy Research (NCAP), Dr. Pradyuman Kumar, Senior Consultant with NCAP and Dr. Sant Kumar, Senior Scientist at NCAP. According to this point of view, India is getting 33% returns per annum to investment made in agricultural research, and that without research India may have become a net importer of foodgrains.
- (c) All known points of view and competing requirements are taken into account in allocation of resources. The plan outlay of DARE/ICAR has increased from Rs.5368 crores in X Plan to Rs.12023 crores in XI Plan period.