

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the benefits of various research and development activities in the country by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have not been passed on to the farmers for increasing agricultural production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Prime Minister has urged the agriculture sector to utilise the latest technology and benefits of research, encourage participation of private sector in seeds production and augment growth in sector;
- (d) if so, whether the Government proposes to increase the expenditure on research and development in agriculture sector; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken or being taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. The benefits of various research and development activities by the ICAR are being passed on to farmers. While extension is primarily the responsibility of the States, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has also created a network of 630 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in each district of the country as an innovative institutional model for assessment, refinement and demonstration of technology/products and empowering the farmers, rural youths and extension personnel through training. During the XI Plan, these KVKs conducted 1.16 lakh on-farm trials to identify the location specificity and 4.48 lakh frontline demonstrations to demonstrate the production potential of agricultural technologies of various field/horticultural crops, animal husbandry, fisheries and other allied enterprises; updated the knowledge and skill of 66.75 lakh farmers and 5.01 lakh extension personnel; created awareness on improved agricultural technologies among 522.74 lakh farmers and other stakeholders.

In addition, the technologies developed by various ICAR institutes are regularly demonstrated on farmers' fields in their area of suitability for comparable advantages over farmers' own practices in crop cultivation, animal husbandry and fisheries sectors, through processes such as adopting villages for integrated development, in collaboration with ICAR institutes/State Agricultural Universities in different parts of the country. Also, information on various technologies are disseminated by organizing annual Krishi Vigyan/Kisan Mela at the Institutes' Headquarters, and Field Days at the Regional Stations, and putting up exhibitions in various parts of the country.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d) & (e): Plan allocations are made on the basis of availability of funds and competing requirements and demands.