

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DECENTRALISATION OF RESEARCH  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to consider decentralisation of research in the Institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agriculture Universities to empower scientists and research teams with greater administrative and financial autonomy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) already has decentralization of research in different Institutes/Directorates/National Research Centres. Each scientist is a Project Leader and the Directors and Head of Divisions have been given enough power to administer the Divisions. Within the Division, scientists have adequate powers to operate research, publish papers and create research infrastructure as per mandate of the institute. Scientists in State Agricultural Universities, Deemed Universities and Institutes under the ICAR have freedom to formulate research projects for extramural funding and execute the research programme. They are empowered to guide research students.