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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Government owned research institutes/centres undertaking Research and Development works in seeds State-wise including Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the details of the research work done by these institutes/centres;

(c) the details of the funds allocated, released and utilized by such institutes/centres during each of the last three years and the current year, institution/centre-wise; and

(d) the reasons for under-utilization of funds and the corrective action taken thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) Agriculture including higher agricultural education is a state subject. However, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with government grant is the apex body for conducting and coordinating agricultural research for improving crop varieties and breeder seed production. Various ICAR institutes, National Research Centres, Directorate of Crop Research and All India Coordinated Research Projects develop improved varieties of different crops and undertake breeder seed production and seed technology research. The list of Institutions is enclosed (Annexure-I).

(b) Under Indian Seed Act 1966, so far 5423 varieties have been released for commercial cultivation. Matching agro-production and protection technologies are also developed. Breeder seed produced of centrally released varieties of field crops during last three years is given below:-

Year Production (Quint)

2006-07 52914

2007-08 71623

2008-09 74163

(c) & (d): The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.