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RESEARCH ON AGRICULTURAL SECTOR AND BIOTECHNOLOGY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the initiatives taken by the Union Government to boost the research in agricultural sector and biotechnology in Karnataka during the last three years;
- (b) whether inspite of high production of crops, no new Agricultural University has been established in the State during the last three years;
- (c) if so, whether the Government is considering to establish an agricultural University in the State and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds allocated and spent for agricultural research in the State during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) As part of the initiatives to boost the agricultural research in Karnataka, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) provided research facilities like infrastructure, sophisticated instruments and trainings etc. to five research institutes besides many regional research stations of other institutes and six State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) located in Karnataka (Annexure-I). The research programmes in agricultural sector are being taken up through the research institutes, regional research stations, All India Coordinated Research Projects to carry out basic, applied, strategic and adaptive research. A list of initiatives is enclosed as Annexure-II.

(b) & (c): Agricultural Education being a State Subject, setting up new agricultural university comes under the purview of State. However, partial support for need based critical equipment and for modernization of laboratories is being provided to the SAUs under the plan scheme "Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India".

(d) Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)/ICAR allocate funds Scheme-wise and not State-wise. The total funds allocated for agricultural research including institutions in Karnataka for the year 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 are Rs.2850.00, Rs.2520.00, Rs.2600.00 and Rs.2500.00 crore and expenditure are Rs.2765.27, Rs.2374.72, Rs.2469.16 and Rs.1348.52 crore, respectively. up to Dec. 2014