

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXPENDITURE ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expenditure being incurred on agricultural research and development in India is very less as compared to other developing countries at present;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any concrete steps are being taken by the Government to give an impetus to agricultural research and development in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Agriculture R&D spending as percent of agriculture GDP in India is lower than countries like China and Brazil but it is much higher as compared to countries like Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The data base prepared by ASTI (Agriculture Science and Technology Indicators) and CGIAR (The Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research) on percent of GDP agriculture spent on agriculture research is as under:-

Agriculture R&D spending as % of Agriculture GDP

India (2009) 0.40%
China (2007) 0.50%
Brazil (2006) 1.80%
Pakistan (2009) 0.21%
Nepal (2009) 0.23%
Bangladesh (2009) 0.31%
Sri Lanka (2009) 0.34%

Source: ASTI (Agriculture Science and Technology Indicators)

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. Special steps are being taken by the Government to give an impetus to agricultural research and development in India; and the details are given in Annexure-1.