

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Research on Crops
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any assessment of the present condition of the National Agricultural Research System and its capacity to tackle the challenges being faced by the agriculture sector in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) undertake measures from time to time to assess the performance and preparedness of National Agricultural Research System to tackle the challenges being faced by the agricultural sector in the country. Besides, the Planning Commission, Govt. of India also constituted a working group on Agriculture Research and Education for 12th Plan, which also looked at the status of NARS.

A Joint Study conducted by 'National Academy of Agricultural Research Management (NAARM)' and 'Institute of Applied Manpower Research (IAMR)' under National Agricultural Innovation Project (NAIP) on 'Human Capital Requirements in Agriculture and Allied Sciences' during 2010 identified three major constraints, viz., limited resources and funding, paucity of faculty and inadequate infrastructure.

The steps taken by the ICAR are as under:-

- â€¢ For recognition of talent and promotion of merit in general and for encouraging talented students to undertake higher agricultural education and research the ICAR awards certain number of Scientists with status of JRF & SRF for studies in various disciplines of agriculture and allied sciences.
- â€¢ Quality assurance of agricultural education through accreditation of existing Agricultural Universities.
- â€¢ Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in Agricultural Universities through financial support in critical areas.
- â€¢ Promotion of excellence at national level in agricultural research and education, recognition of the meritorious contribution of individual agricultural scientists/teachers and facilitation of their research and related activities in agriculture through ICAR National Professorial Chairs and ICAR National Fellowships.
- â€¢ Capacity building of faculty in cutting edge areas of agriculture and allied sciences.
- â€¢ Financial support for Niche Areas of Excellence for building excellence in strategic areas of higher agricultural education and research.
