

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1941**  
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**R&D IN AGRICULTURAL SECTOR**

**1941 SMT. JEBI MATHER HISHAM:**

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government will release the data on gross expenditure on Research and Development (R&D) in the agricultural sector, the details over the last five years, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether Government will provide the data on total capital spending on agriculture, the details over the last five years, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) how will the agriculture sector benefit from the Union Budget 2023–24 in which the allocation decreased drastically from the previous year's budgetary allocation of Rs 1.33 lakh crore to Rs 1.25 lakh crore in 2023–24, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare is responsible for Research and Development in Agriculture Sector. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) an autonomous body under DARE is mandated to do research and development in Agriculture. DARE does not implement any scheme under which funds are to be transferred to the States/UTs. The gross expenditure of DARE for the last five years are as below:

Year	Rs. (in Crores)
2017-18	6942.92
2018-19	7544.25
2019-20	7845.00
2020-21	7685.52
2021-22	8439.94

(b) Total expenditure under the Capital Head of the budget of Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare for the last five years are as below:

Year	Rs. (in Crores)
2017-18	874.93
2018-19	1105.10
2019-20	1063.83
2020-21	788.73
2021-22	903.55

(c) The reduction in Budgetary allocation primarily in BE 2023-24 as compared to BE 2022-23 is on account of reduced requirement of Rs. 8000 crores in PM-KISAN scheme in FY 2023-24. The budget allocation in other schemes is made keeping in view the priorities accorded by Government to agriculture sector. Additional requirement of funds for the different schemes of the ministry are met at the Revised Estimate stage.

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