

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1515
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12th December, 2023

PENDING DUES TO RESEARCHERS AND ALLIED STAFF OF ICAR

1515. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the Agriculture research project working researchers and other allied staff from ICAR institute have not been paid since for long period and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the research projects department wise working under ICAR carrying out research in different subjects viz. ICAR-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) etc. and whose staff has not been paid; and
- (c) whether the Government is taking steps for providing enough funds in time bound manner so as the research work should not suffer due to short of funding and the researchers can carry out with peace of mind and work seamless for Agricultural Research through various departments under the premier Institute ICAR for betterment of farmers?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a)&(b) : No Sir, the researchers and staff working in the project of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes are paid regularly.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) comprising 113 research institutes including National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR), 4 deemed to be universities, 3 Central Agricultural Universities, 82 All India Coordinated/Networks Projects and a network of 731 KVKs. As far as the payment of dues of NBPGR working researchers and other allied staff is concerned, no payment is pending for a longer period.

(c) Required funds are made available by the Government to ICAR for carrying out the mandated research work and research work does not suffer due to shortage of funds.
