

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 251
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/02/2020

SPENDING ON AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH

251. SHRI RAJENDRA AGRAWAL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of money spent on funding agricultural research in terms of GDP contribution;
- (b) whether the Government plans to increase it further and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the quality of agricultural research and infrastructure in the existing bodies; and
- (d) whether the Government is undertaking foreign collaborations with think tanks and research institutions to improve quality of agricultural research, and if so, the details thereof?

A N S W E R

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) The amount of money spent on agricultural research and education in terms of percentage of Agriculture Gross Domestic Product (Agri-GDP) in India was 0.60% during 2017-18 at current prices.
- (b) The public budget for agricultural research and education increased from Rs 102.1 billion in 2014-15 to Rs. 111.21 billion in 2017-18.
- (c) The steps to improve the quality of agricultural research and infrastructures are taken up on the recommendations of the subject specific expert committees. The Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC)/ Standing Finance Committee (SFC) approves such recommendations for improving quality of agricultural research and infrastructure in existing bodies.
- (d) The Department of Agricultural Research & Education (DARE), Government of India has been collaborating with foreign research institutions/ universities in all the fields of agriculture to improve quality of research outputs. Presently, DARE/ICAR has 59 active MoUs for collaboration with foreign organizations including Universities, CGIAR institutions, FAO and other international institutions.
