

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2631
TO BE ANSWERED ON 14TH DECEMBER, 2021

PROMOTION OF AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION

2631. SHRI HANUMAN BENIWAL:

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

- (a) the efforts made by the Government to promote research in agriculture and agricultural education in the last four years; and
- (b) the budget provided by the Government to various States for the said purpose and the expenditure of the same?

ANSWER

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

(a) During the last four years, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has taken various efforts for the promotion of agricultural research and education in the country.

The major activities in the area of agricultural research include; the development of climate resilient crop varieties and environment friendly production and protection technologies; bio-fortified crop varieties; enhancing water and nutrient use efficiency of crops; pre-breeding and genetic enhancement for improving productivity of cereals, oilseeds and pulses; soil health management; development of location specific integrated farming system models and integrated organic farming systems; promotion of real-time advisory with forecast of weather; development of technologies for improved dairy production, fish production; development of veterinary vaccines/ diagnostics/ prophylactics and strategies to control important livestock, and poultry diseases etc.

For maintaining and upgrading quality and relevance of higher agricultural education, ICAR implements a centrally sponsored Plan Scheme "Strengthening and

Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India”. To improve the quality of research and for attaining excellence in specific strategic areas in education and research and capacity building, the universities are supported in specific Niche Areas under the Scheme. During last four years 18 programmes under different Universities have been supported under Niche Area of Excellence.

(b) The budget provided by the Government for agricultural research and education is utilised through the Research Institutes of ICAR and Agricultural Universities, and as such no funds are allocated to the States. The budget allocated by the Government for the promotion of agricultural research and education in the country and expenditure during the last 4 years is given as under:

Table: Budget allocated by the Government for the promotion of agricultural research and education in the Country					
(Rs. in crores)					
Sr. No.	Item	Year			
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
1	Budgetary Allocation (RE)	6992.00	7952.73	7846.17	7762.38
2	Expenditure	6590.64	7622.27	7659.63	7581.53
