

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1333
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2025

FUNDS ALLOCATION TO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

1333. SHRI SACHITHANANTHAM R:

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

- (a) the details of funds allocated for the Department of Agricultural Research and Education during the financial years 2014-2023 including Budget Estimate, Revised Estimate and actual spending;
- (b) whether there is a reduction, year after year in the allocation of funds and if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the manner in which the needs of growth required in the agricultural sector may be met with dwindling funds for research and development?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The details of funds allocated for the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE) during the financial years 2014-2023 including BE, RE and Actual Spending are as below:

<i>(Rs. in crore)</i>			
Year	Budget Estimates (BE)	Revised Estimates (RE)	Actual Expenditure
2014-15	6144.39	4884.00	4840.03
2015-16	6320.00	5586.00	5572.90
2016-17	6620.00	6238.00	5995.21
2017-18	6800.00	6992.00	6989.92
2018-19	7800.00	7952.73	7943.59
2019-20	8078.76	7846.17	7844.98
2020-21	8362.58	7762.38	7685.52
2021-22	8513.62	8513.62	8439.94
2022-23	8513.62	8658.89	8578.17
2023-24	9504.00	9876.60	9804.39

There has been a progressive increase in the budget outlay in successive years. However, there was a minor reduction in RE during 2019-20 & 2020-21 due to pandemic COVID-19.

(c): During the past decade, the Department has strived to deliver through optimum utilization of available resources and making maximum use of the marginal increase through prioritization of research activities. It has been able to meet the challenges towards carrying out its Research & Development and operational activities in the area of Agriculture and allied sectors and achieving its desired outcome by re-aligning its processes.

Further, DARE being a scientific department works in collaboration with the mainline ministries viz Agriculture, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Ministry of Science & Technology etc. on number of research projects as Research Partner to achieve its desired goals and outcome in a collaborative manner.
