

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 389
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22ND JULY, 2025

AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH IN BIHAR

389. SMT. LOVELY ANAND:
SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether any action plan is being implemented for agricultural research in Bihar under the Special Package Scheme of the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the details of such schemes, their current status and the amount spent on all such projects so far; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (c): The Hon'ble Prime Minister's Package for Bihar-2015 included following two project/schemes related to Agricultural research:

- (i) Upgradation of Rajendra Agricultural University Pusa (Bihar) to the level of Central Agricultural University.
 - (ii) National Research Centre on Integrated Farming System, Motihari, Bihar.
- Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University Act, 2016 was notified in Gazette of India on 28/05/2016. The Institution is of National importance under Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), and is imparting Research, Education and Extension on Agriculture and allied sectors including fisheries, basic, humanities and community sciences, agribusiness and forestry through 08 colleges. Since 2015-16, an amount of Rs. 1492.23 crores have been allocated to the University.
 - ICAR-Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute (MGIFRI), Motihari, Bihar was approved on 20th July 2015 with an outlay of Rs. 30.00 crores and accordingly established with desired infrastructure and manpower. The Institute is imparting agricultural research on Integrated Farming System. Since 2015-16, an amount of Rs. 68.94 crores have been allocated to the Institute.
