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Shri Hukm Deo Narayan Yadav, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2015-16), presented the Twenty-sixth Report on Demands for Grants (2016-17) of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education) to Lok Sabha today, the 02 May, 2016. Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under;

<p>Funds Allocation During 12th Plan</p>	<p>The Committee were of the view that scientific intervention is absolutely essential for lowering the cost of agriculture and for doubling the income of the farmers within next five years. For this purpose scientific community should not face financial constraints while addressing the challenges being faced by the farming community in the country. The Committee, therefore, recommended that significant investment to the extent of 1% of agricultural GDP may be made in the field of agricultural research during next plan period</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. – 3)</p>
<p>Planning in the Era of Niti Aayog</p>	<p>While noting with surprise that the Niti Aayog is yet to take any action regarding formulation of next five year plan, the Committee recommended that Niti Aayog be urged to design strategic and long term policy frameworks of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education to enable them to take initiatives and formulate action plan for</p>

	<p>fixation of targets and assigning resources accordingly.</p> <p>(Recommendation Para No. – 4)</p>
ICAR Publications in Regional Languages	<p>While realizing the requirement of dissemination of information about the works of ICAR Institutions regarding newly developed seeds, plant varieties, farming methods, integrated pest and nutrient management practices etc. among farmers of the country, the Committee recommended the Department to take steps for availability of ICAR publications in all regional languages of the country to ensure dissemination of information about agriculture research among all farmers of the country.</p> <p>(Recommendation Para No. –5)</p>
Enhancement of Allocations to Crop Science Division	<p>While observing low allocations to Crop Science Division during XII plan, the Committee were of the view that the Division should be given enough resources to enable them to develop improved varieties of crops and planting materials required by the farmers of the country not only to improve productivity but also to reduce dependence on multinational companies for seeds. The Committee, therefore, recommended that allocations to the Division may be enhanced suitably at RE stage to fulfill expectations of the farmers and planner of the country.</p> <p>(Recommendation Para No. – 6)</p>
The Department to enhance numbers of Research Centres and Technology Demonstration Centres under NICRA Project in Eastern India especially in West Bengal	<p>While noting inadequate numbers of research stations and technology demonstration centres under NICRA project in Eastern India especially in West Bengal and the need to enhance focus on climate research on agriculture in eastern parts of the country keeping in view the number of Agro-climatic zones and sub zones in the areas, The Committee recommended the Department to increase the number of research stations and technology demonstration centres in these States so that region specific problems associated with climate change could be studied properly and appropriate solutions could</p>

	<p>be arrived at. (Recommendation Para No. – 9)</p>
<p>HR policy and organizational structure of AgrInnovate India Limited (AgIn)</p>	<p>The Committee noted that AgrInnovate India Limited (AgIn) is DARE/ICAR owned PSU company working towards promotion and commercialization of ICAR technologies. However, HR policy and organizational structure of AgrInnovate India Limited (AgIn) is yet to be finalized. The Committee, therefore, recommended that the HR policy and organizational structure of AgrInnovate may be finalized and best available talent in agriculture marketing be recruited without further delay. (Recommendation Para No. – 14)</p>