



## LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT

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Shri Hukm Deo Narayan Yadav, M.P. and Chairperson, Committee on Agriculture (2014-15), presented the Tenth Report on 'Demands for Grants (2015-16) of the Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agricultural Research and Education) to Lok Sabha today, the 27 April, 2015.

Some of the recommendations of the Committee are:

<p><b>Enhancement of allocation for the Department – recommended</b></p>	<p>The Committee, recommended that the Government should substantially enhance the allocations for the Department in the ongoing fiscal at RE stage so that the ICAR institutes could carry out R&amp;D activities as planned for the year 2015-16 and XII<sup>th</sup> plan as well.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Recommendation Para No. – 2)</b></p>
<p><b>Improvement of MIS of the Department for reporting every case of financial regularity in the Institute of ICAR– Stressed</b></p>	<p>The Committee while expressing their displeasure regarding failure of DARE to provide information on Financial irregularities in ICAR Institutes have recommended the Department to improve Management information System for reporting every case of financial irregularity in Institutes of ICAR on real time basis.</p>

	<b>(Recommendation Para No. – 4)</b>
<b>Indian Institute of Horticulture Research, Bengaluru to be considered for Deemed-to-be University status - Suggested</b>	Observing importance and potential of horticulture sector to provide livelihood options, food security and nutritional security, the Committee suggested that ICAR-IIHR be considered for Deemed-to-be University mainly with the purpose of strengthening basic strategic and research in horticulture and to develop it as centre of excellence in horticulture sector.  .
	<b>(Recommendation Para No. –10)</b>
<b>Dedicated programme for identification, registration, conservation and improvement of traditional varieties of livestock throughout the Country – Desired</b>	Observing lower milk production in traditional varieties of cattle in the country barring a few exception such as <i>Murrah, Gir Kankereji, Sahiwal etc.</i> , the Committee have desired the Department to start a dedicated programme for identification, registration, conservation and improvement of traditional varieties of livestock throughout the country as these are disease resistant, drought resistant and can survive on minimum diet
	<b>(Recommendation Para No. – 14)</b>
<b>Government to enhance allocations to KVKs for providing all necessary infrastructure and manpower – Desired</b>	The Committee desired the Department to revisit the fund allocation, utilisation & strength monitoring mechanisation of KVKs so that they can be equipped with all necessary infrastructure and manpower. The DARE should also make efforts in consultation with the State Governments for filling vacancies available in KVKs.
	<b>(Recommendation Para No. – 16)</b>
<b>Slow pace of work in implementation of new initiatives due to inadequate funds - Deplored</b>	The Committee note that many initiatives planned for implementation such as Attracting and Retaining Youth in Agriculture (ARYA), Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness Development Yojana (READY), Farmers FIRST, Agriculture and Technology Forecast Centre are yet to commence even after three years after the commencement of the Plan as the Department is yet to get approval of the Government. The Committee while showing their displeasure on delay in implementation of these schemes had desired the Department to ensure that all formalities pertaining to these initiatives are completed with utmost promptitude and their implementation commences within specific

	<p>time frame. At the same time, the Committee desired the Department to make available additional funds in ongoing fiscal so that benefits as planned from these schemes can be reaped during the current plan itself.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>(Recommendation Para No. – 18)</b></p>
<p><b>Department to expedite process for filling up existing scientific, technical and administrative vacancies in ICAR Institute at the earliest - exhorted.</b></p>	<p>Showing concern on large number of vacancies in various ICAR Institutes and failure of ICAR to appoint regular Directors in 16 ICAR Institutes due to formalities involved, the Committee deprecate this lackadaisical attitude of Department and desire that they should attend this grave situation with alacrity and leave no stone unturned to seek best of the expert for high end skills and low end skills at the earliest. The Committee also exhorted upon the Government to expedite the process of selection &amp; fill up the existing vacant posts at the earliest so that the research and development activities in the agriculture sector are not adversely affected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Recommendation Para No. – 22)</b></p>

