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- 6. AICRP (Tuber Crops), Jorhat
- 7. AICRP (Potato), Jorhat
- 8. AICRP on tropical Fruits-Jorhat, Tinsukhia
- 9. AICRP on Apple Scab, Barapani
- 10. AICRP on veg., Jorhat
- 11. NATP Programmes in operation at ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region also has horticultural activities.
- 12. Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North East India.
- (b) Details of expenditure incurred during last three years:—

1998-99 Rs. 170.46 lakhs

1999-2000 Rs. 187.66 lakhs

2000-2001 Rs. 415.90 lakhs

Stopping the flow of terminator seeds

602. SHRI R. SARATH KUMAR: SHRI P.N. SIVA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have taken a decision to stop the flow of terminator seeds into the Indian Market; and
 - (b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Govt. has issued instructions to all permit issuing authorities to keep strict watch on any likely import of seeds having terminator gene. These authorities have been asked to be extremely careful so that in no case any seed material having terminator gene is imported. In the Protection of Plant Varieties & Farmers' Right Bill, 2001, a provision has been made that no variety which involves terminator technology shall be registered under this Act.