

- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the fields of research around which these centres would revolve;
- (f) whether such a specialised system is also proposed to be developed in other sectors; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) and (b) A Committee constituted by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to prepare a concept paper on establishment of 50 research parks has suggested three different types of research parks viz. (i) for established innovation systems; (ii) for emerging innovation systems and (iii) for evolving innovation systems, as measured by the strength of industrial base, academic environment, number of research institutions, and the availability and affordability of land at the locations identified.

(c) to (e) Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, Research Park has been set up as a section 25 company and is aimed at promoting research and development in partnership with the industry, nurturing innovation, assisting in the growth of new ventures and promoting economic development. Similar goals are being sought to be achieved in the proposed research parks.

(f) and (g) There is no proposal in the Ministry to develop such a specialized system in other sectors.

#### **Investment in agriculture sector**

\*616. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total investment - public and private, in agriculture and allied sectors, during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the details of subjects included in the allied sector;
- (c) the investment made by both public and private entities in agriculture and allied sectors, separately, during the above period;
- (d) the investment that came to Andhra Pradesh in the above sectors, sector-wise and year-wise;
- (e) whether it is a fact that private investment is not as per expectations;
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the efforts Government is making to increase the same?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) Agriculture & Allied Sectors comprise of three subsectors namely, Agriculture including livestock, forestry & logging and fishing.

As per the latest estimates released by the Central Statistics Office (CSO), the public, private and total investment (Gross Capital Formation – GCF) in Agriculture and Allied Sectors during 2008-09, 2009-10 and 2010-11 at 2004-05 prices is given in the table below:

Year	GCF in Agriculture & Allied Sectors at 2004-05 prices - Rs. in Crore		
	Public	Private	Total
2008-09	20572	106556	127127
2009-10	22720	108419	131139
2010-11	21500	120754	142254

(d) State-wise investment details are not compiled by CSO.

(e) and (f) Private investment in Agriculture & Allied Sectors is showing a steadily increasing trend, from Rs. 106556 crore in 2008-09 to Rs. 120754 crore in 2010-11 at 2004-05 prices.

(g) The Government of India has launched several schemes to increase investment in agriculture sector, such as, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure facilities for Production and Distribution of Quality Seed, National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Gramin Bhandaran Yojana etc. In addition, Government has substantially improved the availability of farm credit; implemented a rehabilitation package for areas with higher agrarian stress; implemented a massive programme of debt waiver; introduced better crop insurance schemes; increased Minimum Support Price (MSP) to improve investment in the farm sector.

#### **Increasing number of school drop-outs**

\*617. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of school drop-outs has increased manifold despite Government efforts to contain it and it has already crossed four crore;