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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1927
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 12/03/2021

ALLOCATION FOR R&D IN AGRICULTURE

1927. SARDAR BALWINDER SINGH BHUNDER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual income earned by Government from agricultural sector during the last three years;
- (b) the percentage, out of the above, spent on Research and Development (R&D) work in the agricultural sector during each of the last three years;
- (c) whether various Committees on agricultural reforms have recommended allocation of one per cent of Gross Domestic Product in agricultural sector and R&D; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): As per the First Revised Estimates of National Income, 2019-20 released by National Statistical Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on 29th January, 2021, the share of Agriculture and Allied Sectors in Gross Value Added (GVA) of the economy at current prices during the last three years is given below.

Year	Percentage Share of GVA of Agriculture and Allied sector to Total Economy
2017-18	18.3
2018-19	17.6
2019-20	18.4

Source: National Statistical Office (NSO), M/o Statistics & PI.

(b): The country spent 0.56 percent of agricultural GDP on research and education in 2019-20.

(c) & (d): The Parliament Standing Committee on Agriculture Reforms in its 26th Report and 36th Report has recommended allocation of one percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in agriculture to research. There has been increased government allocations to agricultural R&D and the intensity has increased recently.
