

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2754
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/03/2021

**REDUCTION IN BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR
AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH**

2754. SHRI SANJAY SINGH:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the budget allocation for agricultural research and education has constantly declined from 0.31 per cent of the gross value added of agriculture and allied activities in 2011-12 to 0.24 per cent now despite agriculture being the primary occupation in the country; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE &
FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)**

(a) & (b): The budget allocation for agricultural research and education (R&E) has not declined in absolute terms and increased over the years. But there has been considerable increase in the gross value added from agriculture, forestry and fishing. The share of expenditure on agricultural Research & Education to gross value added from agriculture, forestry and fishing was 0.68% in 2011-12 and 0.62% in 2018-19.
