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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2020-21), presented the Tenth Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2021-22)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education) to Lok Sabha on 09.03.2020.

Some of the important recommendations of the Committee are as under-

Budgetary Allocation	<p>The Committee while noting that there is a huge gap between the funds proposed by the Department and the funds allocated to the Department and that the Department has proposed Rs. 10650.17 Cr. as against allocation of Rs. 8362.52 Cr. at BE Level during 2020-21 and Rs.10241Cr. as against allocation of Rs. 8513.62 Cr. at BE level during 2021-22 recommended the Department to pursue the matter at highest level with the Ministry of Finance in order to enhance allocation to the Department during the Fiscal Year 2021-22 at RE level and further.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 1)</p>
Soil Testing Facilities	<p>The Committee while expressing their concern over depletion of Soil Fertility and Multi Nutrient Deficiency due to unbalanced and indiscriminate use of Chemical Fertilizers and intensive cropping particularly in the States of Punjab and Haryana over the years recommended the Department to organise extensive Campaigns in order to create awareness among farmers about the benefits of Soil Testing and explore the possibility of providing Mobile Soil Testing Vehicle at Village Level.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 5)</p>

<p>Crop Residue Management</p>	<p>The Committee while appreciating the development of Pusa Decomposer by the Department desired that efforts be made to make the decomposer more and more effective to address the concerns of the farmers and strongly recommended the use of PUSA Decomposer in large scale to minimize pollution caused by Parali and take further steps to make it economically viable and cost effective. (Recommendation Para No. 6)</p>
<p>Opening of Additional KVKs</p>	<p>While observing that one KVK in a district is not sufficient to cater to the requirements of farming population in most of the rural districts of the country, the Committee recommended the Department to explore the feasibility of opening of Sub-kendras/Centres of KVKs at Tehsil/Block Level and also to launch a Toll Free Number for KVKs so that the farmers can get solution of their problems even without visiting the KVKs. (Recommendation Para No. 10)</p>