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Shri **P.C. Gaddigoudar**, M.P. and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Agriculture (2019-20), presented the Third Report (Seventeenth Lok Sabha) on 'Demands for Grants (2019-20)' of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (Department of Agricultural Research and Education) to Lok Sabha on 03 December, 2019.

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

<b>Spending on Agricultural Research</b>	<p>The Committee while observing that sufficient investment in Agricultural Research and Education (R&amp;E) is a pre-requisite for Sustained Agricultural Growth and since a larger portion of the allocated funds are spent on salaries, pensions, etc; have recommended that more funds should be provided to the Department to promote Agricultural Research and Education. Also keeping in view the significance of the Agriculture Sector and its contribution towards Gross Domestic Product, the Committee have recommended the Department to take up issue with Ministry of Finance so as to gradually increase the percentage share of the allocation for Agricultural Research and Education.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 2)</p>
<b>Stubble Burning</b>	<p>The Committee while expressing their serious concern over the harmful effects of Stubble Burning in Punjab, Haryana and some parts of Uttar Pradesh on the environment particularly in Delhi/NCR have opined that</p>

	<p>a large scale campaign is needed to educate the farmers about the benefits of crop residue for the soil. Further, the Department have been advised to develop more economically viable method for crop residue management besides subsidizing the Machines being used at present.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 5)</p>
<p><b>Natural Resource Management</b></p>	<p>The Committee while expressing their concern over inefficient and overuse of Water Resources in Agriculture; have opined that concrete steps are required to be taken on priority basis to save water through its efficient and judicious use. The Committee have also desired the Department to conduct training, workshops to educate and convince the farmers about the new methods of irrigation so that wastage of water can be minimized.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 6)</p>
<p><b>CSR Funds For Agricultural Research</b></p>	<p>The Committee while noting that channelizing CSR funds towards Agricultural Research would help in giving fillip to Agriculture Research activities in the country and attract more investment in research; have recommended the Department to make sincere efforts to tap CSR funding in Agricultural Research.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Recommendation Para No. 11)</p>