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### PARB approves agri, livestock research projects

LAHORE, May 05, 2011: Punjab Agricultural Research Board (PARB) has approved funding of Rs. 136 million for 10 research projects relating to Agriculture and Livestock sectors on Wednesday.

The meeting of board of Directors of PARB was chaired by Malik Ahmad Ali Aulakh Minister for Agriculture Punjab. Mr. Shah Jahan Bhatti Member Punjab Assembly, Mr. Arif Nadeem Secretary Agriculture Punjab, representative of Finance Department, Planning and Development Department, Forestry, Livestock, Fisheries and Tourism Department and other members of board of directors of PARB were also present In the meeting.



Minister for Agriculture said that PARB has already approved 43 research projects for which Rs. 870 million has been sanctioned. He further added that till today overall 53 high priority research projects have been approved by PARB for which more than Rs. 1 billion has been made available which reflects commitment of the Provincial Government to promote agriculture research and farmers friendly policies.

Dr. Mubarak Ali chief Executive PARB explained the scope and expected outcome impact of the projects approved by PARB by giving presentation in the meeting of board of directors held today in Lahore. According to the detail an amount of Rs. 20.634 million was approved for the project "Enhancing Performance of Buffalos Through Improved Feeding Management At Different Physiological Stages Up To First Lactation" for which PARB will provide funding of Rs. 19.054 million. An amount of Rs. 12.988 million was approved for the project "Enhancement of Cost Effective Mutton Production Through Genetically Enhanced Prolificacy Management" whereas Rs. 10.15 million was approved for the project "Development, Evaluation And Promotion of Herbal Anticoccidal(S) For The Control Of Coccidiosis In Poultry".

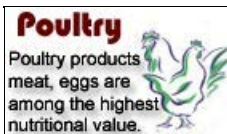
PARB board of directors also approved an amount of Rs. 15.199 million for another research project titled "Improvement of Lentil Germplasm For high Seed Yield And Disease Resistance". An amount of Rs. 20.46 million will also be provided for the project "Preparation And Field Evaluation of Thermostable V4 Newcastle Disease Vaccine".

PARB board of directors agreed to provide funding of Rs. 23.233 million for "Development Of Transgenic Cotton With Multiple Genes Resistant To Control Cotton Leaf Curl Virus". Whereas Rs. 16.270 million was approved for the project titled "Development, Evaluation and promotion of distillery yeast sludge (DYS) based poultry feed and prebiotic agent for productivity enhancement of poultry meat and eggs".

An amount of Rs. 2.95 million was also approved for the project "Economics of Livestock Production And Its Marketing In Punjab". Whereas 14.44 million was approved for the project "Development Of Meat Type Japanese Quail in higher body weight (cournix coturnic japonica) acclimatized To Indigenous Managerial Conditions Through 6 Generations Of Closed Flock Breeding Programme".

An amount of Rs. 14.130 million was also approved for the tenth research projects titled "Development of Vaccine for Buffalo And Cattle Calf Diarrhea". The Minister for agriculture underlined that research in agriculture and Livestock is of prime importance for which adequate recourses in addition to Rs. 1 billion already provided by PARB will be made available to conduct research according to international standards for enhancing agricultural productivity on sustainable basis.

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