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NEWS

US GRANTS FOR SIX INDIAN RESEARCHERS

The United States Department of Agriculture has awarded six grants to Indian researchers totalling Rs. 37,48,405. The grants are for three to five year periods and funded from the PL 480 rupees. Each Indian researcher will have an American scientist collaborating with him on the project.

Dr O. P. Garg of the Punjab University in Chandigarh has been awarded Rs. 11,59,788 to determine how legume plants such as 'moong', cow and chick peas 'fix' their own nutrients with irrigation water that is very salty.

Dr N. Appaji Rao of the Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore has been granted Rs. 10,83,079 to conduct research projects on the molecular level regulation of methionine biosynthesis in chickpea, 'moong', peanut and soyabeans.

Dr R. P. Kapil of the Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar, has been granted Rs. 5,80,800 to

carry out research in the management and conservation of the megachilid bee for improved crop production and efficiency.

Dr M. J. Chacko of the Commonwealth Institute of Biological Control, Hebbal Agricultural Farm, Bangalore has been granted Rs. 4,10,378 to investigate the ecology and behaviour of parasites of the gypsy moth—a highly damaging pest of fruit and nut trees in India and the US.

Dr Raina of the Nagpur University, has been granted Rs. 2,81,800 to conduct research on the identification of population dynamics of the citrus blackfly which damages orange trees in the US and India.

Dr T. C. Narendra, of the Calicut University, has been granted Rs. 2,32,620 to do research on parasitic wasp.
