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The co-ordination under central authority of the various scientific activities conducted by Government will be given effect to as early as possible.

I look forward with confidence to the assistance and full co-operation of the Universities, since it is to the Universities that the country must primarily look for its scientific workers. Scientific research is a slow, long process, and a steady policy is far more important than an ambitious one. I cannot promise large grants for research in the immediate future. I am convinced, however, that, from the viewpoint of the State, the expenditure of the public funds in the supervision and encouragement of scientific research, particularly in its relation to primary industries, must prove an extremely profitable investment. As stated previously, the idea is to develop a policy, and, having due regard to the relative urgency of the problems requiring solution, to do "first things first"; to create a spirit of co-operation between farmers, industrialists, scientists, and others which will be helpful to all by increasing production and preventing waste.

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