

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1926
ANSWERED ON- 23/12/2022

SETTING UP OF SOUTHERN REGIONAL HEADQUARTER OF ICAR IN TAMIL NADU

1926. DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal to start a Southern Regional Headquarter of Indian Council for Agricultural Research (ICAR) in Tanjore, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government has allocated necessary funds to undertake region specific agricultural research to mitigate and adapt to climate change phenomena; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) and (b): At present, there is no such proposal.

(c) and (d): Government has allocated Rs.2005.08 Crores budget from 2019-20 to 2021-22 for agricultural research to mitigate and adapt climate change phenomena. The emphasis was given to develop region specific climate resilient crop varieties, reducing carbon footprints from livestock and fisheries sector, and supporting innovations in climate resilient agriculture. So far, 1752 climate resilient crop varieties including 848 of cereals, 281 of oilseeds, 305 of pulses, 95 of forage crops, 169 of fibre crops, 45 of sugarcane, and 9 of other crops were developed during 2014-22. Further, extensive phenotyping of crop germplasm; targeted crop breeding programme for multiple abiotic stresses; vulnerability assessment at district level; protocols for quantification of Green House Gas emissions from agri-ecosystems; aquatic-ecosystem and agro forestry systems; simulation studies on impact of climate change at micro, regional and national level; and preparation of district level contingency plan to overcome climatic vagaries are undertaken through National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA).
