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

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1930

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RESEARCH INSTITUTES SET UP BY ICAR

1930 SHRI SANJAY RAUT: SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of *Agriculture and Farmers Welfare* be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of research institutes set up by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for the development of agriculture sector in Maharashtra during last three years and the current year;
- (b) whether the said agriculture research centres and development institutions have undertaken agriculture developmental works during the last three years and the current year and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which growth in agricultural sector was achieved by the said developmental works?

ANSWER

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

- (a) Ten (10) research institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) are located in the state of Maharashtra. However, no new institute has been setup during last three years in Maharastra.
- **(b) and (c):** These institutes have played pioneering role for undertaking research on important commodities like cotton and cotton technology, horticultural crops, fisheries, natural fibres, abiotic stress management and soil survey & land use planning. They have generated scientific knowledge and technologies for the farmers of Maharashtra and the whole country. The production and productivity of Maharashtra significantly increased for many agricultural commodities in the last three years. Increase in production of some of the major agricultural commodities in Maharastra in the last three years are as below:

Commodity	Production, million tonnes (2017-18)	Production million tonnes (2020-21)
Soyabean	3.89	6.20
Sugarcane	83.13	101.59
Cotton	6.54	9.59
Pulses	3.30	4.30
