

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

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4412
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28th MARCH, 2023

SETTING UP OF NEW RESEARCH INSTITUTES

4412. SHRI DILIP GHOSH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up National Rice Research Institutes to increase the yield of rice in different regions of the country during the last ten years and if so, the details thereof, State-wise including West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Government has any proposal for setting up of new such Research Institutes in the country in coming years and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to set up International Rice Research Institute in the country to increase the yield of rice and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the performance and achievements of Rice Research Institutes till date?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) Government has not setup any Rice Research Institute in any region in last ten years.
- (b) and (c) There is no such proposal at present.
- (d) There are two National Rice Research Institutes namely ICAR- National Rice Research Institute (NRRI) at Cuttack and ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR) at Hyderabad. These two National Rice Research Institutes coordinate rice research across the country including West Bengal through All India Coordinated Research Project on Rice (AICRPR).

The major emphasis of the Rice Research Institutes is on the development of high yielding climate resilient new varieties/hybrids which are tolerant to various biotic and abiotic stresses with enhanced quality. During 2014 to 2022, a total of **496 rice varieties** including **8 bio-fortified varieties** (rich in zinc/protein) have been released for cultivation in different agro-ecologies of country including West Bengal. Besides, the Rice Research Institutes are also mandated to produce breeder seed of Rice which in turn is converted to other classes of seeds through multiplication by different agencies to ensure the availability of quality seed to the farmers. During last 5 years (2017-22) a total of 90069 quintals of breeder seed of different varieties of rice has been produced against the indent of 48320 quintals for seed multiplication for commercialization.
