

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1910
TO BE ANSWERED ON 1st AUGUST, 2023

RESTRUCTURING OF ICAR

1910. SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

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

- (a) whether the Government has constituted a High Power Committee to restructure the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) to make the organization stronger in the domain of agricultural research;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ICAR has prepared a 'Vision-2050' document to chalk out a demand-driven research agenda for development of agriculture sector; and
- (d) if so, the details along with the salient features thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The High-Level Committee constituted to make recommendations for rationalizing and rightsizing of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR):

- (i) Additional Secretary (Department of Agricultural Research & Education) and Secretary, Indian Council of Agricultural Research. - Chairman
- (ii) Additional Secretary & Financial Adviser, Department of Agricultural Research and Education / Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Member
- (iii) Deputy Director General (Natural Resource Management), Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Member
- (iv) Deputy Director General (Fisheries), Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Member
- (v) Dr. P.K. Joshi, Former Director, National Academy of Agricultural Research Management - Member
- (vi) Dr. Neelam Patel, Sr. Adviser, NITI Ayog - Member
- (vii) Representative of Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (not below the rank of Joint Secretary) - Member
- (viii) Representative of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (not below the rank of Joint Secretary) - Member

- (ix) Representative of Department of Fisheries (not below the rank of Joint Secretary) - Member
- (x) Assistant Director General (Technical Coordination), Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Member
- (xi) Joint Secretary (Administration), Indian Council of Agricultural Research - Member Secretary

The Term of Reference (TOR) of the committee is as under:

To make recommendations for rationalization & rightsizing of ICAR to transform it into a more dynamic, lean & efficient organization.

(c): Yes, Sir. The ICAR has prepared a “Vision-2050” document.

(d): The silent feature of Vision-2050 document are as under:

To keep pace with the changing technological requirements in agriculture and dissemination of appropriate futuristic agricultural technologies, ICAR has been updating the vision and strategies of research for the holistic development of Indian Agriculture. ICAR has developed perspective plans and vision for 2050. This document provides the strategic framework for innovation-led inclusive and sustainable agricultural growth in the country. The “Vision 2050” document of ICAR is addressing future research problems and opportunities emerging for development of agriculture sector like challenges towards 2050, operating environment, new opportunities, goals and targets, way forward to 2050 and strategy and the adoption of framework to achieving the goals.

The ICAR Institutes under the Council have also prepared their vision documents which is fed into the ICAR vision. Recently, the vision for 2050 has been contemplated to operationalize the PM’s vision of ease of living, eliminate poverty and doubling farmers’ income. The restructuring and reforms in agricultural research system have been implemented from time to time to bring more efficiency and transparency.
