264. SHRIMATI RAMA DEVI:
SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

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

(a) whether Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI) is working for the development of agriculture in Bihar;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;

(c) the details of the work done by the said institute for the development of agriculture during the last three years; and

(d) the reaction of the Government thereto?

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ICAR - Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) is performing following agricultural activities through its Regional Station located at Pusa, Samastipur, Bihar:

i. Operating different research programmes for the agricultural development of Bihar State viz., development of wheat, pigeonpea, lentil and soybean varieties for irrigated and rainfed conditions.

ii. Production of breeder and truthfully labelled (TL) seeds of wheat, rice, pigeonpea, moong, chickpea, soybean, lentil, mustard and papaya.

iii. Demonstrations of improved varieties at farmers’ fields and trainings.

Dissemination of improved crop production and protection technologies to the farmers of the region.
(c) & (d):

i. Since 2016-17, nine field crop varieties viz., Wheat: HD 3171, Pusa Wheat 1612, Pusa Wheat 3249, Pusa Wheat 3271; Maize: Pusa HM-9 Improved, Pusa Super Sweet Corn 1, Pusa HQPM-5 Improved, Pusa Vivek Hybrid-27 Improved and Chickpea: Pusa 3043 have been released for Bihar.

ii. During the same period, 5071 quintals of quality seeds of different crops were produced at the IARI RS, Pusa including 2935 quintals of breeder seed, and supplied to Bihar State.

iii. Under the IARI Outreach Programme; 2072 demonstrations of wheat, 1160 demonstrations of paddy and 140 demonstrations of pigeonpea were given to farmers through different KVKs of various states including Bihar.

iv. Forty two frontline demonstrations of wheat variety HD 2967 were conducted in Vaishali and Muzaffarpur districts.

v. Six crop protection and 13 crop production technologies have been recommended for higher productivity of different crops.

vi. Four farmers trainings were conducted.

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