

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 264
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19/11/2019

DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN BIHAR

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.
