

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4193**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2022

**R&D CENTRES FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

4193. SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY:

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

- (a) whether agriculture research centres and development institutes are working for the development of the agriculture sector in West Bengal;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (c) whether the said agriculture research centres and development institutions have undertaken agriculture developmental works during the last three years along with the details thereof; and
- (d) the extent to which growth in agricultural sector was achieved by the said developmental works?

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) & (b):** Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has established 4 research institutes and 9 regional research stations in the State of West Bengal. These institutes are catering to the agricultural technology needs of the State of West Bengal besides other parts of the country. In addition, at district level, 23 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have also been established in West Bengal for training and demonstration of the technologies developed by ICAR.

The list of the Research Institutes and Regional research stations located in the State of West Bengal is attached as **Annexure-I**

**(c) & (d)** Agricultural research institutes/centres located in West Bengal have undertaken research for the development of various field crops, pulses, oilseeds, fibres, horticultural crops, climate resilient varieties; disease diagnosis and development of vaccines for animals, poultry and fisheries sectors; development of ergonomically improved tools & equipment and women friendly tools and machineries; demonstration, training and skill development programmes for farmers and stakeholders etc.

As a result of the initiatives taken by the Central and State Government and the Agricultural Research Institutes, agriculture sector of the State of West Bengal have shown appreciable growth despite adversities created by COVID-19 Pandemic. The productivity of rice, maize, food-grains and pulses registered an increase of 1.2, 8.1, 2.3 and 19.34 percent respectively between the period 2018-19 and 2020-21. During last three years (2019-2021) a total of 84 field crops varieties were developed and released for West Bengal. These include 31 varieties of cereals; 23 of oilseeds; 14 of pulses; 9 of fiber; 4 of forages and 3 of sugarcane.

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**(Part (a) & (b) of Unstarred Question No. 4193 to be Answered On 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022)**

**List of Agriculture Research Institutes located in the State of West Bengal**

1. National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering & Technology (NINFET), Kolkata
2. Central Research Institute for Jute & Allied Fibers(CRIJAF), Barrackpore, Kolkata
3. Central Inland Fisheries Research Institute(CIFRI), Barrackpore, Kolkata
4. Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute(ATARI), Kolkata

**List of Regional Centres of ICAR Institutes located in the State of West Bengal**

1. Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-IVRI, Belgachia Road, Kolkata
2. Eastern Regional Station of ICAR-NDRI, Kalyani, Nadia
3. ICAR-CTRI Research Station, Dinhata, Cooch Behar
4. IARI Regional Station, Kalimpong, Darjeeling
5. ICAR-Regional Research Centre of CIBA, Kakdwip, 24 Parganas (South)
6. ICAR-CIFE Centre, Salt Lake City, Kolkata
7. Regional Research Centre of ICAR-CIFA, Rahara Fish Farm, Rahara
8. ICAR-CPCRI, Research Centre, Mohitnagar, Jalpaiguri
9. ICAR-CSSRI Regional Research Station, Canning Town, 24 Parganas (South)

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