

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 264
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH July, 2022

MEETING OF BRICS AGRICULTURE MINISTERS

264. SHRI THIRUNAVUKKARASAR SU:

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

- (a) whether India participated in the 12th Meeting of BRICS Agriculture Ministers;
- (b) If so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether India has highlighted the importance of millets in food and nutrition security and climate resilience in the meeting;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps proposed to further strengthen the BRICS cooperation for coordinated agricultural and rural development and also food security amongst the BRICS member countries?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) Yes Sir.
- (b) The 12th BRICS Agriculture Ministers Meeting was held virtually on 08.06.2022 under the BRICS chairship of China. The meeting was attended by the Ministers for Agriculture of China, South Africa, Brazil, Russia and India. The Union Minister of State for Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Ms. Shobha Karandlaje, participated and led the Indian Delegation in the meeting.
- (c) Yes Sir.
- (d) In meeting, the Minister highlighted the National Mission on Food & Nutrition with focus on development of nutri-cereals and bio-fortified varieties of crops and also highlighted importance of millets in food and nutrition security and climate resilience.
- (e) The Minister called for support and celebration of International Year of Millets, 2023 by the BRICS nations. The BRICS Agriculture Ministers also adopted a Joint Declaration of the Twelfth Meeting with the theme "Strengthening BRICS Cooperation for Coordinated Agricultural and Rural Development"
