

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2647
TO BE ANSWERED ON 2nd August, 2022

R&D IN AGRICULTURE

2647. SHRI JUAL ORAM:

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

- (a) whether the Ministry is laying greater emphasis on Research and Development (R&D) in agricultural production;
- (b) if so, the programme prepared for different States in that direction; and
- (c) the details of the education and training proposed to be provided to the farmers to acquire knowledge and training to promote agriculture in different States?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir, the Government is putting greater emphasis on Research and Development (R&D) for agricultural production of the country. India has established one of the worlds' largest National Agricultural Research System (NARS) comprising 102 Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Institutes, 11 Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes, 82 All India Coordinated Projects/ Network projects, 4 deemed to be universities, 3 Central Agricultural Universities and 63 State Agricultural/ Veterinary/ Horticultural/ Fishery Universities located in different States. ICAR has established crop/ commodity research institutes in different states and the technologies generated from the institutes cater to the requirements at the local/ state/ zonal and national levels.

(c): ICAR has a network of 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) established across the country which are engaged in refining the technologies developed and undertake frontline demonstrations of these technologies in farmers' fields. During 2020-21, a total of 55406 lakh training programmes have been conducted by the KVKs across the country covering 16.9 lakh farmers. The farmers from different states acquired knowledge in various aspects/ areas of agriculture.
