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EFFICIENT AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF SOIL AND WATER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ICAR has organised an international seminar on `efficient and sustainable management of soil and water`; and
- (b) if so, details of the salient features of the seminar?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir. An International Conference entitled `Managing natural resources for sustainable agricultural production in the 21st century` was held from February 14-18, 2000 at New Delhi.

(b) The goal of the conference was `Managing natural resources for sustainable agricultural production - Vision 21st century`.

In this conference 18 technical sessions, four panel discussions, four plenary lectures and four evening lectures were arranged. The major issues addressed during the conference were efficient management of water, soil, weather and climate, agro-biodiversity, agroforestry and socio-economic aspects.

There were 1400 participants from various countries viz., USA, U.K., Austria, Netherlands, France, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Australia, Israel, Bangladesh, China, Nepal, Switzerland, Lithuania, Brazil and India.

From this conference very useful recommendations have emerged with due emphasis on integrated efforts to improve the productivity through efficient management of soil, water, climate and other resources. These recommendations will prove useful for strengthening research efforts for achieving sustainable agricultural productivity under different ecosystems of the country.