

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ASSESSMENT OF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering to undertake a comprehensive assessment of crops and crop traits required in different agro-ecological zones and the agricultural problems faced by small farmers for framing the research agenda; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) The assessment of crops and their traits are ongoing activities of crop institutes and All India Coordinated Research Projects/All India network projects on different crops of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for identifying suitable crops and their traits for different agro-climatic zones of the country. The scientists of the ICAR are working in different parts of the country and interact with farmers to understand their problems which help them in framing research agenda.

(b) The activities of the ICAR are implemented through its research institutes and All India Coordinated Research Projects/All India network projects on different crops through its cooperating centres located in different agro climatic zones of the country. Examples of varieties/hybrids developed is given in Annexure-I.