

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

(a) whether the Government is considering to have comprehensive assessment of crops and traits required in different agro-ecological zones and agricultural problems faced by small farmers that should be made a pre-requisite for framing the research agenda; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) Yes, Madam. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) undertakes comprehensive assessment of crops and traits required in different agro-ecological zones on a regular basis as part of the ongoing programmes of the Crop Institutes and All India Coordinated Research Projects on different Crops. The Scientists of ICAR working in different parts of the country interact with the farmers to have a feedback, and prioritize their research agenda based on emerging needs.

(b) The list of crop varieties/hybrids suitable for different agro ecological zones and possessing specific traits like insect pest / disease tolerance, abiotic stress tolerance, quality attributes etc., is provided in Annexure-I.