GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2 ANSWERED ON:22.11.2011 STRESS RESISTANT CROP VARIETIES Ponnam Shri Prabhakar;Shetkar Shri Suresh Kumar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agriculture scientists are developing crop varieties that can withstand higher temperature and other abiotic stress factors emanating from global warming; 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.
- (b) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and State Agricultural Universities are running programmes to develop varieties resistant to high temperature and other abiotic stresses. The list of some important stress resistant varieties developed to-date in different crops is attached as Annexure.