

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NICRA SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a new scheme, National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the districts where the NICRA is proposed to be implemented, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) launched a new scheme National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) in January, 2011 with an outlay of Rs.350 crores for the period 2010-12. The scheme aims to assess the impact of climate change on agriculture and allied sectors in the country and evolve cost effective adaptation and mitigation strategies.

(c) The demonstration of climate resilient technologies to cope with drought, floods, heat at farmers' filed in 100 vulnerable districts of 27 States and one Union Territory has been planned from 2011-12 onwards. The details are at (Annexure).