

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is actively considering to set up a Climate Risk Management Research and Training Centre in all 128 agro-climatic zones as suggested by the National Commission on Farmers (NCF);
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is allocating specific funds to disseminate information amongst the farmers about the climate change and the way to tackle it; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The National Commission on Farmers has suggested training of experienced farmers as Climate Managers in the art of managing drought, flood and aberrant monsoons.

(c) & (d): The Government has launched a new scheme 'National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA)' with an initial outlay of Rs.350 crores for the period 2010-12 that has been implemented by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. This 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. The capacity building of lead farmers and dissemination of available climate resilient technologies amongst farmers is an integral component of the scheme. The demonstrations were done through Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) of 100 vulnerable districts of 27 states (Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and West Bengal and one Union Territory (Andaman & Nicobar Islands)