

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF ADVANCE RESEARCH ON PRECISION FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal for setting up of Institution for Advance Research on Precision Farming in Karnataka;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Hon'ble Member of Parliament Shri Shivarama Gouda vide Letter No.MP/KPL/IARPF/2011 dated 9.12.2011 suggested the establishment of an 'Institute of Advanced Research on Precision Farming' at Karnataka.

(c) Different research centres of All India Coordinated Projects (AICRP) – namely Integrated Farming Systems, Dryland Agriculture, Weed Control, Salt Affected Soils and Use of Saline Water, Agroforestry and Water Management – are working on different aspects of precision farming, such as resource conservation, water management, etc. These are sufficiently addressing, for the present, the precision farming relating research needs of the country. Therefore, the institute suggested is not proposed to be set up.