

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL INITIATIVE ON CLIMATE RESILIENT AGRICULTURE PROJECT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched a National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) Project;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the names of areas in the country in which the above project is likely to be launched, State-wise;
- (c) whether it is proposed to extend the project throughout the country in the near future; 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) 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 2011-12. 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. Climate resilient technologies are being demonstrated in farmers' field in 100 vulnerable districts of 27 States and one Union Territory during the XI Plan to cope with drought, floods and heat. The details are at Annexure.

(c) & (d): During XII Five Year Plan, it is proposed to extend the project to another 25-50 districts with special emphasis on hill states including north-eastern region.