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RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether poor farmers in the country struggle to grow enough food while contending with new plant diseases and the consequences of climate change;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether despite agricultural development being an essential component of India's incredible growth, the research in agriculture sector is very less;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken to update the research in agriculture sector for the benefits of the farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. While growing crops, various seasonal diseases may infect, in accordance with the susceptibility of the crop variety/hybrid. Further, variations in weather patterns in crop seasons may impact disease incidence in crops.

(c) & (d): No, Madam.

(e) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through its network of research institutions and All India Coordinated Research Projects (under NARS) have served the farmers' interest and brought in technological revolution to produce crops, horticultural, animal and fishery commodities with enhanced productivity and sustainability. Further, greater emphasis to intensify the agricultural research by ICAR towards finding solutions of emerging farmers' problems in all parts of the country is being laid during the 12th five year plan period.