

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce a scheme to educate farmers about the climate changes;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to introduce a 'National Adaptation Fund' for addressing challenges of climate change on agriculture; and
- (d) if so, the details and the salient features thereof along with the amount earmarked for the purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): The Government under Technology Demonstration components of National Initiative on Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) educates farmers on the impact of climate change on agriculture. So far, more than 30000 farmers have been trained through 1000 farmers' awareness programmes. Besides, the Government also addresses the issue of climate change through the National Mission on Sustainable Agriculture.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. A 'National Adaptation Fund' has been introduced with an initial sum of Rs 100 crores during the current year. Salient feature of the programme is to promote climate resilient practices/ technologies and strengthen infrastructure facilities besides farmers' awareness and capacity building activities.