

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:264
ANSWERED ON:25.11.2014
CHANGE IN WEATHER PATTERN
Kumar Shri P.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has sought views and comments from various quarters to change the cropping season keeping in view of change in weather pattern affecting the agriculture sector across the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any input from the Agricultural Universities and Agricultural Research Institutes in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

- (a) & (b): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in association with State Agriculture Universities and concerned state departments has developed district contingency plans including crop advisories to tackle any eventuality due to change in weather pattern affecting the agriculture sector across the country.
- (c) & (d): These Plans have been developed based on the inputs received from agricultural universities and agricultural research institutes. So far, contingency plans for 580 districts have been prepared and uploaded at farmers' portal (<http://www.farmer.gov.in>).
- (e) Interface meetings with various state departments have been organized to enable them preparing action plans for operationalization of contingent plan.