

Districts covering 70% of the total coarse cereals area of the State have been included under NFSM - Coarse Cereals. These include 12 districts *viz*; Ajmer, Alwar, Barmer, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Churu, Jaipur, Jalore, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Nagaur and Sikar.

**Action plan to provide seeds and other
agricultural resources to farmers**

†1307. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has formulated any action plan to provide seeds developed through agricultural research and other agricultural resources to the farmers easily, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government has proposed to set up an Agricultural Research Institute of Central level in each of the States, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) Yes, Sir. National Agricultural Research System (NARS) comprising of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) have two flagship programmes, All India Coordinated Research Project – National Seed Project (Crops) and ICAR Seed Project through which various classes of seed is produced. It is supplied to the stakeholders including farmers through nationwide network of cooperating centers.

Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Government of India also supports quality seed production and distribution under various programmes such as National Food Security Mission, Bringing Green Revolution in Eastern India, National Mission on Oil Seeds and Oil Palm, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna, National Mission on Agricultural Extension and Technology – Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material.

(b) The ICAR does not have any proposal at present to set up Agricultural Research Institute.

Co-operative Societies/Banks under Railways

†1308. SHRI VISHAMBHAR PRASAD NISHAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions for appointing Returning Officers for conducting election of delegates and Board of Directors of Cooperative Societies/Cooperative Banks being run in various zones of Railways;

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