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PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ICRISAT AND ICAR FOR WATER MANAGEMENT

2271. SHRI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE PILLI:

Will the MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to expand partnership between International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) at Patancheru and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) for higher productivity and water management in dry land areas; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a)&(b): The ICAR-ICRISAT collaborative work plan (2019-2023) includes three research projects. Major focus of one of these projects is the genetic improvement of grain legumes (Gram, Arhar and Groundnut) and dryland cereals (Jowar, Bajra and Ragi) for enhancing their productivity potential, adaptation and quality traits. A collaborative project on improving bajra diversity in drought prone environment has been completed in September 2021. The ICRISAT works with several ICAR institutes for possible collaboration to improve the productivity of dryland through application of science-based rainwater harvesting and management technologies.
