

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2589
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19th December, 2023

DISTRICT AGRICULTURE CONTINGENCY PLAN

2589. SHRI DILESHWAR KAMAIT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the Food Policy Research Institute's Global Food Policy Report, 2022 which has warned that climate change may push 90 million Indians towards hunger by 2030;
- (b) if so, the details of the mechanisms and scientific interventions planned to be adopted by the Government to tackle the issue;
- (c) whether the District Agriculture Contingency Plan (DACP) formulated for 650 districts to mitigate the impact of weather-related challenges is introduced in the country, especially in the State of Bihar; and
- (d) if so, the details of the districts where it has been introduced and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

(a) to (b): As per the Global Food Policy Report 2022 of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI), Washington DC, climate change will slow progress towards hunger reduction in India. The Government under network project on National Innovations in Climate Resilient Agriculture (NICRA) has planned to develop and promote climate resilient agriculture to address vulnerable areas of the country and help the districts and regions to cope up with extreme weather conditions like droughts, floods, frost, heat waves, etc. It has three components viz. strategic research, technology demonstration and capacity building. The main thrust areas include (i) identification of the most vulnerable districts/regions, (ii) development of crop varieties and management practices for adaptation and mitigation and (iii) assessment of climate change impacts on livestock, fisheries and poultry vis-a-vis identification of adaptation strategies.

(c) to (d): Yes, Sir. The District Agriculture Contingency Plans for all the districts of Bihar have been prepared and available at <https://agricoop.gov.in/en/AgricultureContingencyPlan/Bihar>
