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Answer to the Rajya Sabha Q No. 1001

a) whether our farmers are not enlightened to take care of weather fluctuations and uncertainties resulting in crop losses;

All India Coordinated Research Project on Agrometeorology (AICRPAM) under ICAR has conducted awareness programs on 'climate change and agriculture' across different states of India since 2008. Since 2010, the awareness program were conducted under NICRA (National Innovations on Climate Resilient Agriculture) component of AICRPAM project.

b) if so, the details of measures taken in this regard;

From 2008 to 2015 March, 375 climate change awareness programs have been conducted by AICRPAM across different states of India. Altogether, 54,007 farmers have attended the programs (43607 men and 10400 women). The feedback of farmers about the program and their perception about climate change was also collected. 95% of the farmers believed rainfall as the most important weather parameter.