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Prime Minister Calls Upon Farmers To Raise Level of Pulses Production

Special Attention To Dairy Sector

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USPA NEWS - The Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi addressing the gathering at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand on June 28, 2015. The Governor of Jharkhand, Mrs. Draupadi Murmu is also seen.

The Prime Minister called upon farmers to raise the level of pulses production in the country, to help make India self-sufficient in pulses. Invoking former Prime Minister Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri's call "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan," the Prime Minister asked every farmer to try and grow pulses on a part of his land. He also mentioned steps being taken by the Union Government for the pulses sector. He said pulses were an important part of the diet of the common man. The Prime Minister said this after laying the Foundation Stone of the Indian Agricultural Research Institute at Barhi in Jharkhand on June 28.

The Prime Minister also said that the need of the hour was a second green revolution, without any delay, in eastern India. He said that the Union Government was therefore committed to the development of this region. The Prime Minister said that animal husbandry and fisheries were equally important for the agriculture sector. He further added that the Government has decided to pay special attention to the dairy sector in Jharkhand.

The Union Agriculture Minister, Mr. Radha Mohan Singh while welcoming the Prime Minister at the foundation laying ceremony of the IARI in Jharkhand, said that it was the need of hour to set up a second IARI in Jharkhand on the lines of IARI, Pusa, New Delhi. The Union Minister said that the Institute at Jharkhand will help in meeting the challenges in the field of agriculture in the State in a scientific manner.

The Institute would help in developing this Economic Zone in a scientific manner. The Minister added that the announcement of setting up of a second IARI in the country was made in the General Budget of the year 2014-2015 and he thanked the Prime Minister that the setting up of such an Institute was made possible under his leadership and guidance.

Soon after this announcement in the Budget-2014-2015, the Ministry of Agriculture and the State Government of Jharkhand went into action to identify the land for the second IARI and this activity was completed within a year's time. And that is how, the Minister added that this laying of Foundation Stone for IARI was possible.

Picture Description: The Prime Minister, Mr. Narendra Modi addressing the gathering at the Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony of the Indian Agriculture Research Institute (IARI), in Hazaribagh, Jharkhand on June 28, 2015. The Governor of Jharkhand, Mrs. Draupadi Murmu, the Union Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Radha Mohan Singh, the Chief Minister of Jharkhand, Shri Raghubar Das, the Minister of State for Finance, Mr. Jayant Sinha and other dignitaries are also seen.

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