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Date: 14.01.2016

Application No. 96-12/IISS/RTI/2015

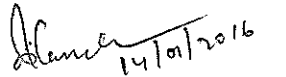
To

Shri Madhavankutty Pillai,  
58, Prasanna Prabha,  
A-6/5, LIC Colony, Borivali (West)  
Mumbai 400103, Maharashtra

Sub: Reply to information under RTI Act, 2005 – reg.

Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith information in response to your application under RTI dated 29.12.2015. Further it is informed that the Appellate Authority is Director, ICAR-IISS, Bhopal and his telephone no. is 0755-2730946.

  
(R. Elanchezhian)

Principal Scientist & CPIO

Encl: Reply from PME Cell and Dr A.B. Singh with two pages of information

Copy to:

Dr. P.P. Biswas  
Krishi Anusandhan Bhavan-II,  
Indian Council of Agricultural Research,  
Pusa, New Delhi-110012

F. No.47/ PME Cell/RTI/2014

Dated 04/01/2016

NOTE

In reference to your note dated 29.12.2015 regarding RTI application received from Shri Madhavankutty Pillai, 58 Prasanna Prabha, A-6/5, LIC Colony, Borivali (West) Mumbai, the response to various points is provided herewith based on the information given in response to a Parliament question previously.



(Brij Lal Lakaria)  
Pri. Scientist & I/c PME Cell

M. R. Elanchezhian,  
CPD, DSS, Bhopal

1. An Indian Express article (attached as supporting document) of September 15 with headline-Yogic farming to empower seeds, increase soil fertility: Agriculture Minister – quotes Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh as saying the agriculture ministry would support Yogic Farming. Is the quote accurate?

**The paper has been written by Ms Sheela Bhatt. The responsibility of the accuracy of the statement would reply on the publisher and author/editor or the magazine.**

2. What is Yogic farming?

**The institute has worked on organic farming but not on yogic farming**

3. How is the ministry going to support it.

**This institute does not have any expertise on yogic farming.**

4. Are there any studies conducted by any government agency that show whether yogic farming is effective. Details of the study.

**The institute has not done any such study.**

5. Does yogic farming increase the potency of seeds and how

**The institute has not done any such study.**

6. Does yogic farming increase the confidence of farmers and how.

**Can not be responded, since the institute has not done any such study.**

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**Note**

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(R. Elanchezhian)  
PS & CPIO

To

- ✓ 1. HoD, Soil Biology
- ✓ 2. I/c PME

Dr. A. B. Singh *aj/bi.*



Dr R. Elanchezhian PS & CPIO

  
11/01/2016

**Reply:**

- 1. An Indian Express article of September 15 with headline-Yogic farming to empower seeds, increase soil fertility: Agriculture minister-quotes Agriculture Minister Radha Mohan Singh as saying the agriculture ministry would support Yogic Farming. Is the quote accurate?**

We do not have any information on Yogic Farming.

- 2. What is Yogic farming?**

The information is not available.

- 3. How is ministry going to support it ?**

The information is not available.

- 4. Are there any studies conducted by any government agency that show whether yogic farming is effective.**


Scientists of G B Pant University of Agriculture, Science and Technology and Sardar Krushinagar Dantivada, Agriculture University conducted studies at different stages of crop growth to understand the effect of Raja Yoga Meditation on crop yield, quality and costs. Preliminary findings indicate that organic and meditation has the greatest soil microbial population and that seeds germinate up to a week earlier. Subsequent crop reveal higher amounts of iron, energy, protein and vitamins compared to organic and chemical, offering low-cost high –benefit method for low communities.

- 5. Does yogic farming increase the potency of seeds and how?**

Scientific information is not available

- 6. Does yogic farming increase the confidence of farmers and how?**

Information is not available in this institute

  
A. B. SINGH

## RTI REQUEST DETAILS

Registration No. : 181455 11 2017 00522-1 Date of Receipt : 15 09 2017

Type of Receipt : Online Receipt Language of Request : English

Name : Madhavankutty Pillai Gender : Male

Address : 58, Prasanna Prabha, A-6/5, LIC Colony, Borivali (West), Mumbai, Pin-400103

State : Maharashtra Country : India

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Status(Rural/Urban) : Urban Education Status :

Is Requester Below Poverty Line ? : No Citizenship Status : Indian

Amount Paid : 0 (Received by) Mode of Payment : Payment Gateway

Does it concern the life or Liberty of a Person ? : No(Normal) Request Pertains to : Vandana Dwivedi (INM)

## Information Sought :

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