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FOREWORD

As an apex organization, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is responsible for the organization and management of agricultural research and education in the country, and ever since Independence, it has been playing an important and effective role towards overall growth of agriculture in the country.

ICAR also collects and collates information on various aspects of agriculture used by diverse stakeholders such as the policy makers, scientists, extension workers, students and researchers, entrepreneurs and industry, progressive farmers etc.

In order to ensure wide dissemination, the ICAR publishes this valuable information in the form of **Agricultural Research Data Book**, a comprehensive compendium regularly on annual basis. The publication has been well received by the users.

The present issue of **Agricultural Research Data Book 2017** has been updated with the latest available data. It is hoped that the publication will continue to serve as a reliable source of information on agriculture. We look forward to the comments/suggestions from readers to improve upon the utility of the publication. I compliment the Education Division of the ICAR especially the ICAR-Indian Agricultural Statistics Research Institute (ICAR-IASRI) for their efforts in bringing out Agricultural Research Data Book 2017.

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