

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
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**ANSWERED ON**  
**NEW VARIETIES OF MANGOES BANANAS .**

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Shri Parshottam Rupala

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the Ministry has received any proposal from State Government of Gujarat for collaboration with National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow for joint research work in Gujarat State for development of new varieties of Mangoes / Bananas in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the further action that has been taken by the Ministry;
- (c) the details thereof; and
- (d) the amount of fund that has been allocated for this purpose ?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b),(c)&(d) The constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR), National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI), Lucknow possessing desired knowledgebase, has initiated discussion with the Directorate of Research Sardarkrushinagar Dantiwada Agricultural University, Sardarkrushinagar, Gujarat for building up a collaborative research for development of new varieties of Mangoes / Bananas in Gujarat. s