

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE)

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 695 (H)
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03rd DECEMBER, 2021

BASMATI EXPORT DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

695(H). SHRI BRIJLAL:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE & INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Basmati Export Development Foundation is working to increase production, processing and export of basmati rice;
- (b) whether any plan to establish such institution for the development of any other varieties of rice is under consideration; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(SMT. ANUPRIYA PATEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c): The work related to development of varieties of rice is undertaken by the Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) and its institutions and various agricultural universities of the country. An Export Promotion Forum (EPF) has been established under the aegis of APEDA to promote exports of various varieties of rice. The EPF has representation from trade/industry, line ministries/departments, regulatory agencies, research institutes, state governments etc.
