

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1762
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/08/2023

PALM CULTIVATION IN NORTH EASTERN REGION

1762. SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is preparing any road map to increase the palm cultivation in North Eastern Region;
- (b) whether any specific areas have been identified for palm cultivation in North Eastern Region; and
- (c) whether any progress have been made till date?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The Government of India has launched National Mission on Edible oils- Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) during the year 2021 with the aim to enhance the edible oils availability in the country by harnessing Oil Palm area expansion, increasing Crude Palm Oil (CPO) production and to reduce the import burden on edible oils. The Mission has a target of covering additional area of 6.5 Lakh hectare under Oil Palm plantation with 3.28 lakh hectare in north-eastern states.

(b) & (c): Yes Sir. The Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IOPR)-ICAR Report, 2020 has identified a total potential area about 28 lakh hectare including 9.62 lakh hectare in the north-eastern states for Oil palm cultivation. So far, an area of 42450 hectare has been covered under oil palm cultivation.
