GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 3880 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04/04/2025

PLANS TO SET UP PADDY RESEARCH CENTRES

3880. SHRI SAMIRUL ISLAM:

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

- (a) the details on paddy production in the five largest paddy producing States, along with their productivity figures;
- (b) the number of paddy research centers that have been set up in the country in the past five years; and
- (c) whether Government has considered setting up a separate paddy research center in West Bengal?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): As per the Final Estimates 2023-24, the five largest rice producing States are Telangana, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Punjab and Chhattisgarh. The details on rice production along with their productivity figures in these States are provided in the **Annexure**.

During the past five years, no new research center for rice has been set up in the country. However, there are two National Research Institutes of Rice namely ICAR-Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI), Cuttack and ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad which have been exclusively assigned with the responsibility of R&D on rice for the entire country. Besides, the various centers of the ICAR-All India Co-ordinated Research Project (AICRP) on rice are also engaged in the Research & Development (R&D) of rice in different states and are contributing significantly in development of location specific high yielding climate resilient varieties/hybrids for improving production of rice. The ICAR-CRRI, Cuttack along with its' three sub-stations at Hazaribag (Jharkhand), Gerua (Assam), and Naira (Andhra Pradesh) addresses the problems of rice cultivation in different ecologies, develops varieties and other production technologies suited for upland, irrigated, lowland, and saline environments including West Bengal.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (a) to (c) of Rajya Sabha Unstarred Q No. 3880 Due for reply on 04.04.2025

Production and Productivity of Rice

State	Production (Lakh Tonnes)			Yield (Kg./Ha.)		
	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Telangana	124.10	158.77	168.74	3395	3406	3602
Uttar Pradesh	152.72	161.43	159.90	2678	2737	2772
West Bengal	167.29	154.84	156.87	2995	3057	3064
Punjab	128.85	129.91	143.56	4340	4193	4516
Chhattisgarh	80.22	98.12	97.03	2134	2602	2539
All India	1294.71	1357.55	1378.25	2798	2838	2882

Source: DA&FW
