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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 662
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25/07/2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAKHANA BOARD IN BIHAR

662. SHRI SANJAY KUMAR JHA:

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

- (a) the estimated time-frame for setting up the proposed Makhana Board in Darbhanga, Bihar;
- (b) the place/site finalised for setting up the proposed Makhana Board;
- (c) whether Government proposes implementing Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Makhana so that farmers can get protection from market volatility; and
- (d) whether any funds have been allocated for setting up and operating the Makhana Board, if so, the quantum of funds allocated as on date and the purposes for which the said funds will be used?

ANSWER

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

(a) & (b): The Government of India, in budget announcement 2025-26, has announced constitution of makhana Board in Bihar. The objectives of the Board are to improve production, processing, value addition, marketing and export promotion of makhana along with handholding and training support to makhana farmers. The process of establishment of makhana Board have been initiated.

(c): The Government fixes Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) for twenty-two (22) mandated crops based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP). The makhana crop is not included among these twenty-two (22) mandated crops.

(d): The budgetary allocation of Rs.100 crores has been made for development of makhana sector during 2025-2026.
