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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2268
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 07/08/2026

PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY OF MAKHANA

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

- (a) the year-wise production and productivity of Makhana over the last five years in the country and in Bihar, district-wise for the major producing districts;
- (b) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised under the National Makhana Board and related Central schemes since 2021, and the number of farmers, processing units and FPOs supported, district wise in Bihar;
- (c) the sanctioned and in-position staff strength of the ICAR National Research Centre for Makhana at Darbhanga;
- (d) the proposal to bring makhana under a price support or MSP mechanism; and
- (e) the year-wise quantity and value of Makhana exported from the country and the share of Bihar?

ANSWER

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

(a): Horticulture Statistics Unit, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) started recording data on Makhana from 2024-25. In 2024-25, as per final estimate of Horticulture Statistics Unit, DA&FW, the total production of makhana in India was 63,910 Metric Tonnes (MT), with an average productivity of 2.03 MT per hectare. As per the Second Advance Estimates (2025–26), total production of makhana in India is 80,590 MT, with an average productivity of 2.34 MT per hectare. Bihar is the leading producer of makhana in the country, with a production of 60,000 MT in 2025–26 and average productivity of 2.00 MT per hectare. The major district wise production of makhana in Bihar during 2025-26 is given at **Annexure-I**.

(b): The Central Sector Scheme for Development of Makhana, was approved on 14.09.2025. ₹16.49 crore was sanctioned and released to the State of Bihar in 2025-26. Of this, ₹10.91 crore was utilized. In 2026–27, ₹52.10 crore has been sanctioned, of which ₹22.88 crore has been released to the State of Bihar. The district-wise number of farmers benefitted under the scheme is at **Annexure-II**.

Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is implemented for holistic growth of the horticulture sector. Under MIDH, during 2025-26, ₹ 11.53 crore (including state share) was allocated to State of Bihar in its Annual Action Plan for various activities related to development of Makhana. ₹5.96 crore was utilized by the state in 2025-26. The district wise number of beneficiaries is given at **Annexure-III**.

(c): The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)- National Research Centre for Makhana (NRC) at Darbhanga has a total sanctioned staff strength of 31 posts, of which 11 positions are filled.

(d): Makhana is not covered under Price support scheme and a minimum support price.

(e): Prior to 2025, makhana was classified under general Harmonized System of Nomenclature (HSN) codes. This resulted in the non-availability of product-specific export data. To address this gap, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) introduced a separate HSN code for popped makhana and other makhana products in 2025. In 2025–26, India exported 7,264.89 MT of makhana products (export value ₹19296.08 lakh). Of this, Bihar exported 39.20 MT makhana products (export value ₹403.22 lakh).

Annexure I

Major district wise production of makhana in Bihar during 2025-26

S.No.	District	Production (MT)
1.	Darbhanga	7110
2.	Katihar	12620
3.	Kishanganj	2790
4.	Madhepura	3410
5.	Madhubani	7462
6.	Purnia	11228
7.	Saharsa	5336
8	Sitamarhi	1166
9	Supaul	4980
10	Araria	3894

Source: Horticulture Statistics Unit, DA&FW

Annexure-II**District-wise Number of Farmers supported through National Makhana Board in Bihar
in year 2025-2026**

S.No.	District Name	Farmers (No.)
1.	Bhagalpur	43
2.	Darbhangha	165
3.	Katihar	181
4.	Khagaria	61
5.	Kishanganj	112
6.	Madhepura	172
7.	Patna	5
8.	Purnia	126
9.	Suharsa	121
10.	Supaul	192
11.	Vaishali	02
12.	Araria	96
	Total	1276

Annexure-III**District-wise Number of Farmers supported through MIDH in Bihar in year 2025-2026**

S.No.	District Name	Farmers (No.)
1.	Bhagalpur	73
2.	Katihar	1151
3.	Kishanganj	583
4.	Muzaffarpur	50
5.	Purbi Champaran	28
6.	Purnia	982
7.	Saharsa	749
8.	Araria	740
9.	Daharbanga	877
10.	Khagaria	312
11.	Madhepura	541
12.	Madhubani	647
13.	Samastipur	42
14.	Sitamarhi	161
15.	Supaul	1046
	Total	7982
