

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.213
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH DECEMBER, 2018

PEANUTS PROMOTION COUNCIL

213. SHRI KUNDARIYA MOHAN BHAI KALYANJI BHAI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any representations from organizations for establishment of Peanut Promotion Council;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to address their concerns; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a): Yes Madam, Government of India has received a proposal from President Shri Saurashtra Oil Mills Association (SOMA), Jamnagar, Gujarat for establishment of Peanut Promotional Council (PPC).

(b) & (c): The major objective and activities proposed by SOMA are as under:

- Seminar / Workshop on periodical basis to pass on the required information to farmers.
- Will participate in various seminars/ conclave exhibition for promotional activities.
- Seminars for general public to pass on the right information on nutrition value of pea-nuts & its products.
- Doctors/ experts/dieticians-lectures/PPT will encourage farmers for contract farming for productive result.

These issues were discussed in a meeting organized by Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) at New Delhi on 5th November 2018 with SOMA in which State Government of Gujarat, ICAR and concerned Divisions of this Department participated. Most of the activities proposed by SOMA are taken care of by the Government of India under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) - Oilseeds & Oil Palm in all oilseeds growing States through various implementing agencies. However, in order to focus on value chain utilization, export opportunities, nutritional benefits of groundnut, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) - Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh, Gujarat is organizing a meeting involving oil industry including SOMA to discuss these issues.