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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4879
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31st March, 2023

DRDO FOOD RESEARCH LAB

4879. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI N. REDDEPPA:
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details on the progress of establishment of a DRDO Food Research Laboratory for Groundnuts, Tomato and Sweet Lemon;
- (b) the details of funds utilized, proposed to be spent and projects completed so far; and
- (c) the details of other incubation centres to be dedicated to different fruits and vegetables in the country?

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MINISTER OF STATE
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

(SHRI AJAY BHATT)

- (a) & (b): DRDO has not established any dedicated food laboratory for Groundnuts, Tomato and Sweet Lemon. However, the know-how for processing Groundnuts, Tomato and Sweet Lemon exists with DRDO Food Research Laboratory (DFRL) and the same is extended to institutes/establishments seeking for it. In this regard, no project is executed / sanctioned.
- (c): DRDO has not established any incubation centre dedicated for different fruits and vegetables. Recently, DFRL has established Apricot processing plant in Leh, Ladakh in association with Defence Institute of High Altitude Research (DIHAR), Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) and Union Territory (UT) of Ladakh and it is already functioning.
