

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1297**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09/02/2021

**NATIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE FOR MAKHANA**

1297. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

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

- (a) whether the Government set up a National Research Centre for Makhana in Darbhanga, the heart of Mithila on 28th February, 2002 in view of the importance of this main crop of Mithila and its central status was discontinued by the previous Government in the year 2005;
- (b) whether 80 to 85 percent of the total production of Makhana in the country is produced in Mithila region and particularly in Darbhanga;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide central status to the Makhana Research Centre situated in Darbhanga again; and
- (d) if so, the date by which the same will be accorded?

**A N S W E R**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री **(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

- (a) Yes, ICAR-National Research Centre (NRC) for Makhana, Darbhanga (Bihar) was sanctioned by the Department of Agricultural Research & Education, Govt. of India, as a new scheme during the IX Five Year Plan period (1997–2002) for Conservation, Research & Development of the Makhana crop. However during X<sup>th</sup> plan period (2002-2007), the NRC for Makhana was merged and brought under the administrative control of ICAR-Research Complex for Eastern Region (RCER), Patna, without changing the mandate.
- (b) Yes, Darbhanga in particular and Mithila in general is major Makhana producing region in the country.
- (c) No, Sir.
- (d) Does not arise.

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