

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
DEPARTMENT FOR PROMOTION OF INDUSTRY AND INTERNAL TRADE
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 441.
TO BE ANSWERED ON WEDNESDAY, THE 3RD FEBRUARY, 2021.**

GI TAG TO MITHILA MAKHANA

441. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of **COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY** be pleased to state:

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्री

- (a) whether there is any proposal to issue GI tag for 'Makhana' which is the main produce and speciality of Mithila region as 'Mithila Makhana'; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

वाणिज्य एवं उद्योग मंत्रालय में राज्यमंत्री (श्री सोम प्रकाश)

**THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI SOM PARKASH)**

- (a) & (b):** A "Geographical Indication" (GI) tag is granted to a product on receipt of application from eligible applicants (*association of persons or producers or any organization or authority*) by the Geographical Indications Registry as per the procedure laid out in the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Rules, 2002.

An application for registration of 'Bihar Makhana' was filed by Mithilanchal Makhana Utpadak Sangh, Purnea, Bihar in the office of GI Registry on 14th August, 2020 and has been taken on record as GI application No. 696. On receipt of application, the GI registry has issued the Formality Check Report on 18th August, 2020 raising certain deficiencies in said application and for its correction with necessary supporting documents. The applicant vide its response dated 28th September, 2020 has made necessary compliance. In addition to making compliance to issues raised in the Formality Check Report, the applicant has amended its application to change the name of proposed GI product from 'Bihar Makhana' to 'Mithala Makhana'. The application has been taken up for processing in accordance with the provisions of the Geographical Indications Rules, 2002, which requires creation of a Consultative Group for recommendation on recognition of the product as 'Geographical Indication product' and giving an opportunity of opposition.
