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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 458
TO BE ANSWER ON THE 20TH JULY, 2021

CULTIVATION OF BLACK RICE

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

- (a) whether the Government has introduced/proposed to promote the cultivation of black rice, a nutritious and profitable alternative to white rice;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of black rice exports over the past three years, country-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

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- (a) to (c): The Government is providing support to the States for cultivation of various types of rice under the National Food Security Mission (NFSM). Besides, States have also been given the flexibility to plan specific projects for promotion of various crops including rice under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme. The projects under RKVY are implemented with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) constituted under Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the State.

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is engaged in basic research programmes through its crop based institutes and All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) in active collaboration with State Agriculture Universities (SAUs). The Manipuri black rice, locally known as Chak-Haohas been given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2020. The black rice cultivation has gained popularity in West Bengal, Odisha, Jharkhand, Bihar, some districts of Uttar Pradesh & Telangana besides the North-Eastern states such as Manipur and Assam. The black rice cultivation was undertaken in the Chandauli district of Uttar Pradesh under the Aspirational Districts Programme. The produce is branded and marketed as 'Vindhya black rice'. The rice varieties with unique/special characteristics including black rice have export potential.

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has no specific data for export of black rice. However, as per information available from Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Non-Basmati rice export from India during last 3 years to major destination countries is as below;

Year	Qty (Lakh MT)	Major export destination (Countries)
2018-19	75.99	Benin, Nepal, Togo, Senegal, Cote D Ivoire, Guinea, Bangladesh, UAE, Iraq& Others.
2019-20	50.40	
2020-21	110.98 (April-Feb)	

Source: APEDA.
