

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION No. U125
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

SAFFORN BOWL PROJECT

125. SHRI VINCENT H. PALA:

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of extension of Saffron Bowl project to North Eastern Region (NER) by North East Centre for Technology Application & Reach (NECTAR);**
- (b) the amount of funds allocated and sanctioned to Barapani (Meghalaya);**
- (c) whether more sites have been identified in Meghalaya under the project;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY & EARTH SCIENCES
(DR JITENDRA SINGH)**

(a) North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR) under Saffron Bowl project has identified few locations in Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya for saffron cultivation. In Arunachal Pradesh, there is a good growth of organic saffron with flowers. In Meghalaya, sample plantations were grown at Cherrapunji, Mosmoi and Lalingtop sites.

(b) The total cost of the whole project is Rs. 17.68 lakhs for Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya. Out of which, a tentative amount of Rs.6.00 lakhs has been earmarked for Barapani (Meghalaya) site.

(c) & (d) The following sites have been identified in Meghalaya under the said project:

- i. Barapani,**
- ii. Cherrapunji,**
- iii. Mosmoi,**
- iv. Shillong and**
- v. Lalingtop.**

(e) Does not arise.