

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

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO: 320
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2024

SETTING UP OF MILLET RESEARCH INSTITUTE

*320. SHRI UMMEDA RAM BENIWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has proposed to set up a Millet Research Institute in Barmer district of Rajasthan and if so, the present progress in this regard and the time by which it is likely to be completed;
- (b) whether the Millet Research Institute has been announced and approved;
- (c) if so, the budget allocated and spent for the said purpose;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to set up a cumin seed Mandi in Barmer as Rajasthan produces 52 per cent of total cumin production in the country and out of which maximum produced i.e. 80 per cent is from Barmer and Jaisalmer Parliamentary Constituency of western Rajasthan and cumin is taken to Unja Mandi, Gujarat for processing and selling this is 300 km away which involves an expenditure of Rs.2500/- to Rs.3000/- per quintal;
- (e) if so, the time by which the same will be set up and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to set up a cumin, isabgol processing unit in Barmer keeping in view the production capacity of cumin-isabgol and the requirements of farmers and if so, the time by which the same will be set up?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 320 TO BE ANSWERED ON 17TH DECEMBER, 2024 REGARDING “SETTING UP OF MILLET RESEARCH INSTITUTE”

(a) to (c): The Government has announced and approved to set up a Regional Station of ICAR-Indian Institute of Millet Research at Barmer district of Rajasthan. The Government of Rajasthan has allotted 98.8 acres of land at Gudamalani, District - Barmer (Rajasthan). A total budget of rupees 8.50 crores has been allocated during 15th Finance Commission period for establishing this Regional Center out of which Rs. 2.5 crores expenditure has been incurred on infrastructure development, equipment and farm implements, etc. Two scientists including a Center Head have been deployed at the Centre.

(d) & (e): As agri marketing is administered by the State, opening of new Mandis comes under the purview of the State Govt. As per the information received from the State Govt., a Cumin Mandi (Jeera mandi) is already established at Krishi Upaj Mandi Samiti, Barmer by the Govt. of Rajasthan for which 77 plots have been allotted to Jeera Trader's/ Exporters/ Processers.

Establishment of Jeera Mandi is proposed by Govt. of Rajasthan at Jaisalmer, for which 20 plots are marked in main mandi yard of Krishi Upaj Mandi Samiti, Jaisalmer.

(f): As per the information received from the State Govt., under the Rajasthan Food Processing Mission, a total of ten (10) applications have been considered for subsidy for setting up of export oriented processing units of Jeera and Isabgol in the Jodhpur Division.
