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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO . 2028

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11th MARCH, 2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAKHANA BOARD

2028 . 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 has any plan for the establishment and implementation of Makhana Board and if so, the details thereof and the benefits likely to be reaped by the establishment of the board;
- (b) whether the Government has approved the formation of Makhana Board for the development of Mithila Makhana and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Makhana is mainly produced in Mithila region and its GI tag is also Mithila Makhana and keeping in view the production capacity of Makhana whether the Government plan to establish the headquarters of the newly declared Makhana Board in Darbhanga (Bihar) ; and
- (d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be established and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d) : The Government of India has announced constitution of Makhana Board in budget announcement 2025-26, with the objectives to improve production, processing, value addition and marketing of makhana with budgetary allocation of 100 crores for the year 2025-26 along with handholding and training support to makhana farmers .

Bihar is one of the major producing state of Makhana in the country. Recently makhana has been accorded Geographical Indication (GI) tag under the name of "Mithila Makhana" by Registrar of Geographical Indication .

The process of establishment of Makhana Board in Bihar has been initiated . A meeting with makhana farmers and stakeholders was held at Indian Council of Agricultural Research- National Research Centre for Makhana, Darbhanga on 23rd Feburary, 2025 to get the suggestions for making effective development programmes for promotion of makhana sector.
