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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO . 4136
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH MARCH, 2025

TIMELINE FOR INITIATION OF MAKHANA BOARD IN BIHAR

4136 . Shri Sudhakar Singh :

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

- (a) whether the Government has established any timeline for the initiation of the Makhana Board in Bihar, as announced in the Budget 2025, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of steps being taken to support makhana farmers in terms of research, market linkages, price stability, and technological advancements;
- (c) whether the Government plans to introduce any financial incentives or subsidies for makhana cultivation and processing; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof 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 Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, subsequent to the budget announcement 2025, has commenced the process for establishment of the Makhana Board with the objectives to improve production, processing, value addition and marketing of makhana, along with handholding and training support to makhana farmers.

Further, Indian Council of Agriculture Research-National Research Centre for Makhana, Darbhanga is doing research work and has started an incubation centre for farmers and entrepreneurs. The centre is promoting mechanization in harvesting and processing of makhana. The centre is also distributing seeds for improving productivity and is providing regular hands-on training to farmers for production, processing, value addition and marketing of makhana.
