

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 445
TO BE ANSWERED ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 2025

ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL RICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

445. SHRI PRADEEP PUROHIT:

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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the feasibility of establishing a Central Rice Research Institute in Bargarh considering its status as a leading rice-producing region in Odisha and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government recognizes the need for advanced research on rice production including climate-resilient varieties and has any plan to allocate resources for setting up such an institute in Bargarh and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has evaluated the manner in which such an institute could contribute to improving the livelihoods of rice farmers in Odisha and other States by enhancing yield and reducing input costs and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government has proposed a timeline or allocated specific funds for the establishment of the Central Rice Research Institute at Bargarh and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a): The ICAR-Central Rice Research Institute (CRRI) with its' three sub-stations at Hazaribag (Jharkhand), Gerua (Assam), and Naira (Andhra Pradesh) develops and disseminates eco-friendly technologies to enhance productivity, profitability and sustainability of rice cultivation in different ecologies of various states in the country including Bargarh, Odisha. Besides, the ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad, Telangana also looks after rice research in the country.

In addition to above, Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology (OUAT), located at Bhubaneswar, conducts research and extension activities on rice for Odisha. Therefore, at present, there is no proposal to set up a Central Rice Research Institute in Bargarh, Odisha.

(b): Several climate-smart technologies/products are developed, tested and evaluated by the above two National institutes for the rice crop. The farmers of Bargarh are getting the benefits of such varieties/technologies.

(c): The ICAR through its above two research institutes holds a national mandate to develop technologies aimed at enhancing rice productivity across the country through robust and effective research strategies. Research works have been done on enhancing yield through adoption of improved varieties and technologies and reducing input costs both at Odisha and also across different states of India.

(d): Does not arise.
