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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 324
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12TH AUGUST, 2025

PROMOTION OF AGRI-RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to establish a Groundnut Research Centre under the ICAR-PLAN scheme in Nalgonda district to support the shift from paddy to groundnut cultivation;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to establish a Veterinary Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in the district to cater to the livestock-rearing community;
- (c) whether the Government plans to establish an Integrated Farming Systems (IFS) unit at the Agriculture Research Station, Kampasagar to promote crop diversification and sustainability among small farmers; and
- (d) the steps being taken to promote agri-research infrastructure in backward districts like Nalgonda?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED
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(a): There is already a National level research institute ICAR-Indian Institute of Groundnut Research (ICAR-IIGR) in Junagadh, Gujarat to conduct basic and strategic research on Groundnuts for the Country. The regional Research Station- ICAR-Indian Institute of Groundnut Research, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh is catering the research needs of groundnut cultivation in the south Indian States including Nalgonda and other districts of Telangana. The All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Groundnut conducts experiments from the Regional Agricultural Research Station of the Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (P.J.T.S.A.U.), Hyderabad in Telangana State to ensure the continuous availability of location specific high yielding varieties and production technologies required to increase the region-wise groundnut production.

(b): One Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) is functioning in Nalgonda district since 2011 to cater the farmers with scientific support in agriculture and allied sectors including livestock and animal husbandry.

(c): There are two institutes of National importance for Integrated farming system namely; ICAR- Indian Institute of Farming Systems Research, Meerut, Uttar Pradesh and ICAR-Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute (MGIFRI), Motihari, Bihar. These institutes have developed several Integrated Farming System (IFS) models for different parts of the country. In state of Telangana, All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Integrated Farming System is operating one main centre at Rajendranagar, a sub-centre at Rudrur and an On-Farm Research centre at Rangareddy under Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTAU), Hyderabad. These centres cater to the IFS needs of the Telangana state including Nalgonda district. Six prototype IFS models, including three farmers' participatory IFS models have been developed and recommended for different zones of Telangana.

(d): The National Agricultural Research System (NARS), comprising the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), includes a vast network of 113 research institutes, 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs), 04 Deemed Universities of ICAR, 66 State Agricultural Universities, and 3 Central Agricultural Universities, supports the agricultural research, education, and extension infrastructure in the country. In the state of Telangana, there are 16 KVKs, 07 ICAR research institutes, viz., (i) ICAR-Central Research Institute of Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad, (ii) ICAR-National Academy of Agricultural Research & Management, Hyderabad, (iii) ICAR- Indian Institute of Millets Research, Hyderabad, (iv) ICAR- Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad, (v) ICAR-Indian Institute of Rice Research, Hyderabad, (vi) ICAR-National Research Institute on Meat, Hyderabad (vii) ICAR-Directorate of Poultry Research, Hyderabad, and three State Agricultural Universities: (i) Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University, Hyderabad, (ii) P.V. Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University, Hyderabad, (iii) Professor Jayashankar Telangana Agricultural University, Hyderabad. These institutions contribute to strengthening the state's agricultural research, education, and extension capabilities, including in backward districts such as Nalgonda.
