

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

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3726**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2025

**RESEARCH PROJECT TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND YIELD OF CUSTARD APPLE**

3726. DR. MANNA LAL RAWAT:  
SHRI DAMODAR AGRAWAL:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has approved/proposed any research project under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) to improve the quality and increase the yield of Custard Apple in the Aravalli Mountain range falling under the Udaipur Lok Sabha Constituency;
- (b) if so, the details of the said proposed/approved projects;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the current status of approval of the said research project; and
- (e) the time by which the said research project is likely to be completed?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (e): A research project entitled 'Tribal Empowerment in Rajasthan through Custard Apple Farming' has been prepared by ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bengaluru to improve the quality and increase the yield of Custard Apple in Rajasthan with a total financial involvement of Rs. 225.0 Lakh. The project proposal has following four objectives:

- i. To demonstrate improved varieties of custard apple cv. Arka Sahan for economic upliftment of Tribal beneficiaries of Rajasthan.
- ii. To rejuvenate old and declining orchards of custard apple cv. Balanagar/Arka Sahan.
- iii. To enhance capacity building on processing of custard apple.
- iv. To study the impact of IIHR interventions on socio-economic livelihood of Tribal beneficiaries of Rajasthan.

This Project has been submitted to Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for funding.