

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4204
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19TH AUGUST, 2025

REGIONAL RESEARCH CENTRE FOR OIL PALM

4204. SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY:

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

- (a) whether the State Government of Telangana has requested the Union Government for establishment of a Regional Research Centre for Oil Palm in the State to provide scientific support to the oil palm farmers in the State as it is promoting oil palm cultivation on a massive scale as a part of crop diversification as an area of 91,200 ha, is under Oil Palm cultivation in the State;
- (b) whether there are any plans to bring additional area of 40,000 ha, every year to make the State as one of the largest State for oil palm cultivation and to cater to the requirement of edible oil and to help oil palm industry in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(a): A request regarding establishment of Oil Palm Research Centre in Telangana has been received from Govt. of Telangana. The matter was examined. The ICAR-Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (IIOPR) located at Pedavegi, Andhra Pradesh (just 350 km from Hyderabad) is a national institute entrusted to undertake research on oil palm. Being a National Institute, ICAR-IIOPR conducts and coordinates research on all aspects of oil palm (conservation, improvement, production, protection, post-harvest technology and transfer of technology) and caters to the needs of oil palm growers for all the States in the country including Telangana. In addition, capacity building programmes on oil palm management are being organized by ICAR-IIOPR to farmers, State department officials and entrepreneurs belonging to oil palm growing states. In light of above, establishing a separate Oil palm research centre for Telangana was not acceded to and same was informed to Government of Telangana.

(b) & (c): Under the Annual Action plan of the State of Telangana an additional area expansion targets of 50,000 hectares for the year 2025-26, has been approved. Further, in collaboration with State Governments and stakeholders in National Mission on Edible Oils–Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) implementing States, including Telangana, the Government of India is organizing Mega Oil Palm Plantation Drives to bring more area under oil palm cultivation.
