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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.393**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 02<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2025

**SETTING-UP OF MAKHANA BOARD IN BIHAR**

393. SHRI KAUSHALENDRA KUMAR:

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

SHRI GIRIDHARI YADAV:

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

- (a) the current status of the proposal to set up Makhana Board in Bihar, announced in Serial No. 18 in the Budget Speech for the year 2025-26;
- (b) whether any facility is being provided to farmers through the Makhana Board and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the list of facilities being provided to farmers along with the manner in which the said facilities are being provided?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, has constituted the National Makhana Board in Bihar vide Gazette Notification No. 28/02/2025-Hort.Tech-I dated 14 September 2025, as per the Budget Announcement 2025-26. The Board has been established with the objectives of improving the production, post-harvest processing & value addition and marketing of makhana, with a budgetary allocation of ₹100 crore for the year 2025-26.

(b) & (c): Assistance is available to farmers for various facilities for capacity building, production, post-harvest processing, value addition, market & export promotion and brand development of makhana. The details of the support available for farmers are given at **Annexure**.

**Assistance to farmer's for various components under central sector scheme for development of makhana executed by National Makhana Board**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Components</b>
<b>A</b>	<b>Production: Enhancement of Production and Productivity</b>
1	Seed production of improved varieties
2	Area Expansion
3	Construction of new pond
4	Frontline Demonstrations with integrated farming
5	Training of farmers
6	Harvesting equipments
<b>B</b>	<b>Post-harvest Processing and Value Addition of Makhana</b>
1	On farm handling unit
2	Micro level Makhana processing
3	Small level Makhana processing
4	Medium level Makhana processing
5	Large level Makhana processing
<b>C</b>	<b>Research &amp; Development for Technological Interventions in Makhana Sector</b>
<b>D</b>	<b>Market &amp; Export Promotion and Brand Development for Makhana</b>
1	Buyer Seller, Promotional Meets
2	Makhana Pavilions in National Level Trade Fairs
3	Infrastructure Support for Setting Up of Sales Outlets
4	Scheme for Quality Certification
5	Brand Building Support
6	Setting up of Makhana Pavilions in major international fairs
7	Assistance to exporters for participation in International Exhibition
8	Award for Export Excellence
<b>E</b>	<b>Exposure visits of farmers</b>
<b>F</b>	<b>Seminars, conferences, trade summit, awareness programmes for farmers</b>
<b>G</b>	<b>Residual analysis, food quality testing lab facility for farmers</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Centre of Excellence for training and technology demonstration for farmers</b>

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