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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4078**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026

**PROGRESS OF AGRICULTURAL SCHEMES**

4078. Shri Rahul Gandhi:

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

- (a) whether the schemes announced for Pulses, Cotton Technology, Vegetables and Fruits, Hybrid Seeds and the proposed Makhana Board in Bihar have been operationalised, if so, the scheme-wise progress made so far and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the details of funds allocated and expenditure incurred for each of these schemes during the last financial year;
- (c) the timelines fixed for implementation of each scheme and the production, value-addition, and farmer coverage targets set thereunder;
- (d) the current production and productivity levels of pulses, cotton, vegetables, fruits and hybrid seeds in the country as compared to the levels at the time of announcement of these schemes; and
- (e) whether the Government has finalised the location of the Makhana Board in Bihar, if so, the details of the location thereof and the criteria adopted for its selection?

**ANSWER**

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

(a): The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses and the National Makhana Board have been sanctioned. Proposals for the Cotton Mission, Vegetables & Fruits and National Mission on High Yielding Seeds are under process.

(b) & (c): To achieve self-sufficiency in pulses, the Government of India has launched the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, aimed at strengthening domestic production and reducing dependence on imports while ensuring nutritional security. With a financial outlay of ₹11,440 crore over a six-year period, the mission places special emphasis on the promotion of Tur (Arhar), Urad and Masoor. The programme seeks to increase pulses production to 350 lakh tonnes, expand the cultivation area by 35 lakh hectares—particularly in rice fallows and through intercropping systems and to enhance productivity to 1,130 kg per hectare through improved seed availability, better agronomic practices and strengthened extension support. The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses has been launched in 2025-26 with an allocation of ₹483.625 crore (Central Share) for FY 2025–26.

Central Sector Scheme for Development of Makhana has total outlay of ₹476.03 crore for a period of five years (2025–26 to 2030–31) with the objective of holistic development of makhana sector. The scheme aims at the development of makhana sector by covering production, post-harvest management, value addition, research and development, marketing, branding and export promotion, and capacity building. It is proposed to implemented by the National Makhana Board in coordination with makhana-producing states. During FY 2025–26, an amount of ₹26.62 crore has been released to Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Manipur and Uttarakhand through National Makhana Board under Central Sector Scheme for Development of Makhana for various activities such as seed production, area expansion, frontline demonstrations, capacity building of farmers, micro level processing units, packhouses, research and development of Makhana, exposure visit, buyers-sellers meets, seminars, etc.

(d) The production and productivity levels of Pulses, Cotton, and Fruits & Vegetables in FY 2024–25 are as follows:

	Production (in Million MT)	Productivity (Kg/ha)
Pulses	25.68	926
Cotton	29.72	440
Fruits & Vegetables	334.443	17716.29

(e): The location of Makhana Board is under finalization.

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