

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 395
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26/04/2016

NEW ARHAR VARIETY

395. ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

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

- (a) whether Scientists at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) have developed a new arhar variety;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the expected annual production of this newly developed arhar variety and the extent to which the prices of arhar dal are likely to come down in the country; and
- (d) whether the Government is considering to encourage the State level agricultural scientists to develop new varieties of arhar dal?

A N S W E R

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री
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(a) & (b): ICAR-IARI has developed early maturing (120 days) arhar genotype PADT-16. This genotype is determinate in habit, short statured (<100 cm) and suited for close planting (30x15cm).

(c) This genotype is yet to be evaluated in different agro-ecologies in All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Pigeonpea.

(d) ICAR is funding AICRP on Pigeonpea and its centres are located in the State Agricultural Universities. During the last 6 years (2010-15), through AICRP, 9 new pigeonpea varieties have been released and notified for cultivation in different agro-ecologies.
