

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURE SCIENCE CENTRE
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to set up Agriculture Science Centres in each of the districts of newly formed Jharkhand State to make it self-sufficient in the field of agriculture;
- (b) whether the Government propose to launch any specific scheme to enhance fruit production in the State;
- (c) whether all kind of fruits can be produced in abundance in Jharkhand State if financial assistance is provided and agriculture scientists are employed by the Government;
- (d) whether India will become leading fruit producer of the world if some positive steps are taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) whether the Government propose to pay attention to the quality of the fruits apart from their production to make it competitive in the international market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUM DEO NARAYAN YADAV)

- (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has earlier established five Farm Science Centres commonly called Krish Vigyan Kendra (KVK) in five districts of Jharkhand State. Besides, the Zonal Agricultural Research Station (ZARS) at Dumka has been strengthened to take up the additional functions of KVK. The Council has a proposal to establish a KVK in Palamau district. There is no proposal to establish KVK in the remaining districts at present.
- (b) No Sir, as a major step towards achieving decentralization in pursuance of restoring primacy of State in agricultural development planning, the Central Government decided to move away from schematic approach to Macro-Management of agricultural schemes including horticulture formulated by each State Government.
- (c) No Sir, mango, litchi, banana, amla, ber, pomegranate, guava and jackfruit are some of the important fruits which can be grown successfully in the State.
- (d) & (e): India is the second largest producer of fruits in the World. Depending on the requirement of each fruit, research efforts have been directed for improvement in quality aspects like Total Soluble Solid (TSS), pulp recovery, maximum fruit weight and minimum seed weight, yield of fruit latex etc.