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SETTING UP OF A PADDY RESEARCH CENTRE IN TENKASI
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Paddy Research Centre in Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu with a view to improve paddy growth in this area; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): There is no proposal to set up a Paddy Research Centre at Tenkasi, Tamil Nadu. Already a Rice Research Station is functioning at Ambasamudram, 40 km away from Tenkasi. This Centre is the representative station for breeding rice varieties, developing technologies for rice cultivation in Tirunelveli dist. of Tamil Nadu. Tenkasi is a Taluks in the district of Tirunelveli. The station has developed about 20 rice varieties and appropriate production and protection technologies which are very popular not only in Tirunelveli district but also for whole Tamil Nadu. Besides, under All India Coordinated Rice Improvement Programme, there are centers at Adhuthurai and at Coimbatore starting another Rice Research Station at Tenkasi is not being considered.