

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PADDY PROCESSING RESEARCH CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Paddy Processing Research Centre has been set up at Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the date on which it was set up alongwith the research undertaken at the Centre;
- (c) the research works are proposed to be taken in this Centre during remaining period of Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (d) the Annual Plan requirement for this Centre and the assistance are likely to be provided during the above period;
- (e) whether there is any proposal to upgrade this Centre during the Plan period; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Paddy Processing Research Centre which was established in 1972 at Thanjavur and shifted in its own building to Thanjavur in 1987. The research undertaken at the Centre mainly on prevention of postharvest losses, preservation of high moisture paddy, parboiling drying and milling of paddy & utilization of by products.

(c): The research work proposed to be undertaken up in this centre are :-

(i) Development of techniques for safe storage of under milled, raw and parboiled rice.

(ii) Nutritional fortification of rice & rice products.

(iii) Processing of rice bran for edible uses like protein isolates.

(iv) Utilisation of husk ash for productive purposes.

(v) Development of process for extending the life of paddy straw thatches.

(d): The Annual Plan requirement is about Rs.1.00 crore and the assistance likely to be provided during Ninth Five Year Plan is about Rs. 5.00 crores which includes Rs.2.50 crores for expanding the activities of the centre.

(e) & (f): The expansion Plan of the Centre was approved in December, 1997. The centre has already been upgraded by providing additional funds and manpower to expand the activities in the area of Human Resource Development, training, research and transfer of Technology etc.