

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there is any proposal to set up centres of excellence for production of vegetables in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): Under Indo – Israel Work Plan, Centre of Excellence has been established at Gharunda, Karnal (Haryana) with total assistance of Rs.6.00 crore. A number of technologies in the field of horticulture mechanization, protected cultivation, nursery management, micro-irrigation and PHM were achieved through visit of Israeli Experts in the State of Haryana. The experts from Israel Trained the officers and farmers from the State on above mentioned fields.