

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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SETTING UP OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH CENTRE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up an agricultural research centre in Kumbakonam area of Tamil Nadu;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): ICAR does not have any proposal at present to have an 'Agricultural Research Centre' at Kumbakonam. The existing resources specific research institutes and their wide network of regional/research /field centres under the umbrella of ICAR can adequately address the research, development, education training and extension needs and requirements of the region. Also, Kumbakonam falls in the Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu, and ICAR has already set up a KVK at the Thanjavur district of Tamil Nadu. There are also a few crop research based research stations functioning nearby Kumbakonam in Tamil Nadu under ICAR Rice Research Institute, Aduthurai; Coconut Research Station, Veppankulam; National centre for Banana, Trichy.

(c) Not applicable