

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW AND HYBRID VARIETIES OF VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Israel centre of Excellence for Vegetables, Gharonda has developed certain new and hybrid varieties of various vegetables including tomato, capsicum and cucumber;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to set up such small centres across the country on the lines of the Gharonda unit for transfer of technology to farmers to ensure increased production of vegetables in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Centre of Excellence for vegetables, Gharonda under Indo-Israel Action Plan has been developed for demonstration of various production technologies, which includes performance of hybrid varieties of different vegetables like tomato, capsicum and cucumber for higher production and income per unit area. The mandate of the centre does not include development of new varieties.

(c): Under the Indo-Israel Action Plan (2012-15) the States of Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh have been identified for development of Centres of Excellence for transfer of technology to farmers for various horticulture crops, including vegetables.