

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LAC PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether lac is produced from Palash trees in Banka region of Bihar, hilly and arid-humidity region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has proposed to set up Agricultural Research Centres for betterment and training of the farmers and workers engaged in lac production and for conservation of Palash trees; and

(d) if so, the time by which the research centres are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Lac production from Palash trees is being undertaken informally by local people in Banka region of Bihar.

(c) & (d): Government of India has established a Network Project on 'Conservation of Lac Insect Genetic Resources (NP-CLIGR)' with lead Centre at Indian Institute of Natural Resins & Gums (IINRG), Ranchi and eight other Network Cooperating Centres in different State Agricultural Universities/Research Institutions, the details of which are given in Annexure.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF STATE AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES/RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS

1. Assam Agricultural University (AAU) Jorhat.
2. Acharya N G Ranga Agricultural University (ANGRAU), Hyderabad.
3. Central Agricultural University (CAU) Imphal.
4. Kerala Forest Research Institute (KFRI) Thrissur.
5. Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture & Technology (MPUAT) Udaipur.
6. Punjab Agricultural University (PAU) Ludhiana.
7. State Forest Research Institute (SFRI) Jabalpur.
8. Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences and Technology of Jammu (SKUAST Jammu).