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QUALITY OF MUSTARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research has started a programme to improve quality and production of existing varieties of mustard; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the works undertaken thereunder during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) The Directorate of Rapeseed-Mustard Research (DRMR), Bharatpur has been undertaking basic and strategic research to improve quality and production of rapeseed-mustard.

(b) A total of 12 new high yielding varieties and one hybrid of rapeseed- mustard including three improved quality varieties (RLC-2, Pusa Mustard 29 and Pusa Mustard 30) with zero level of erucic acid (fatty acid) have been released during the last three years (2012-2014). In the current year (2015), two varieties of Indian mustard have been released so far. Yield and quality enhancement of rapeseed-mustard is a long term and dedicated programme of DRMR, Bharatpur.