

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF TIL AND RAMTIL
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote cultivation of Til and Ramtil in the country including Madhya Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (JNKVV), Jabalpur has undertaken any project to intensify the cultivation of Til and Ramtil in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether there is any proposal to discontinue the project in the JNKVV and to shift it to some other place and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE & FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has an All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Sesame (Til) and Niger (Ramtil) for developing their high seed & oil yielding varieties and integrated management practices for efficient production technology through multi-location evaluation. Research thrusts have also been given for developing short duration thermo-tolerant varieties of sesame suitable for spring/summer season to create opportunity for its area expansion and to develop white, large seeded, sweet type sesame with high oil content and low anti-nutritional factors to promote export of sesame seed for confectionary.

A total of 523 Frontline Demonstrations on the latest varieties and production technologies of Sesame and Niger were conducted throughout the country, including Madhya Pradesh during 2012-13.

(c) ICAR has established Project Coordinating Unit of AICRP on Sesame and Niger in Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya (JNKVV) at Jabalpur, besides two cooperating centres of the Project at Tikamgarh and Powrkhedha in Madhya Pradesh. The coordinated research programmes on Sesame and Niger have recommended high yielding varieties with good quality and tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses for different agro ecological niches.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Question does not arise.