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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 873
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 25TH JULY, 2023

PRODUCTION OF BASMATI RICE

873. SHRI E.T. MOHAMMED BASHEER:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Government that Indian Basmati Rice has gained importance in the international market;
- (b) whether the Government realizes the need for more production of Basmati Rice and its export; and
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken by the Government to increase its production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) :Yes Sir, the demand of Indian basmati rice has increased in the International market as the export of basmati rice has increased from 3.94 million tonnes during 2021-22 to 4.56 million tonnes during 2022-23.

(b) & (c): For promoting export of agricultural and processed food products including basmati rice, the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) under Ministry of Commerce & Industry is organizing 16 International trade fair events during the year 2023-24 involving basmati rice exporters and associations. APEDA is conducting various Capacity Building programs through Basmati Export Development Foundation (BEDF) to meet the quality requirement of Basmati Rice in International market.

In order to increase the production of basmati rice the two national institutes namely, Indian Institute of Rice Research (IIRR), Hyderabad and National Rice Research Institute (NRRI), Cuttack under Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) are exclusively assigned with the responsibility of R&D on rice for the entire country. During 2014 to 2023, a total of 516 rice varieties including 27 basmati rice have been released for cultivation in different agro-ecologies of country.
