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24.	Manipur	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
25.	Nagaland	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
26.	Sikkim	14.50	0.00	13.84	0.00
27.	Jharkhand	0.00	0.00	11.86	24.29
28.	Goa	0.00	0.00	45.38	0.00
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
30.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

#### Development of new variety of garlic

1152. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is working on development of big clove garlic varieties which can respond to short winter of peninsular India;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the present status thereof; and

(c) the time by which newly developed varieties of garlic are likely to be made available to farmers for cultivation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research (DOGR), Pune has collected 39 garlic germplasm from NEH Region, Sikkim, Leh and Ladakh including big clove garlic. Based on the available germplasm, ICAR-DOGR has selected 30 elite big clove genotypes on the basis of yield contributing traits for further evaluation. Further somaclonal variations are being created to develop bigger clove varieties. Twenty-six advance breeding lines have been tested in multi-locational trial under All India Network Research Project on Onion and Garlic (AINRPOG). On the basis of varietal performance, varieties were recommended having bigger clove varieties performing well in North Indian short day and short winter season. Further entries are being evaluated at 21 short day conditions under AINRPOG and now big clove lines may be recommended at national level. Besides efforts are being made to develop virus free garlic planting material, as viruses in garlic deteriorate clove size and yield.

(c) Planting Material is being already supplied to the farmers. ICAR-DOGR has produced and distributed mother bulbs of newly released two garlic varieties (Bhima Omkar and Bhima Purple) to the farmers of various States. Further varieties recommended under AINRPOG were notified and being made available to the farmers by various organization.

#### **Impact of GM mustard on organic farming**

1153. SHRI M. P. VEERENDRA KUMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that if GM mustard is approved for cultivation, it would have adverse impact of India's impressively growing organic farming sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) and (b) No. Sir, GM is not allowed in Organic farming.

#### **Setting up of KVKs**

1154. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY:  
SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has finalized to set up 100 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs) in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and how many KVKs are going to be set up in Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) the performance and status of the existing KVKs in the country, with a particular reference to Andhra Pradesh and Telangana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has approved for setting-up of 121 new KVKs in identified rural districts and in any new rural districts created in the country during Twelfth Plan. Out of 121 KVKs, 26 KVKs have been set up till November, 2016. The State-wise details of the districts where remaining KVKs are proposed to be set-up during Twelfth Plan including Andhra Pradesh are given in Statement-I (*See below*).