

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 510
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05/02/2021

**SETTING UP A CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN
KALAHANDI FOR SOYABEAN**

510. SHRI SUJEET KUMAR:

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

- (a) whether Kalahandi in Odisha produces soyabeen on a large scale; and
- (b) if so, the steps being taken to set up a Central Research Institute in Kalahandi district and boost soyabeen production as the entire Koraput, Bolangir and Kalahandi (KBK) region has a great potential to become the soyabeen hub of Eastern India?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)**

- (a) No, Sir. The Kalahandi district of Odisha produces Soybean on a very limited scale.
- (b) The ICAR has established a national level research Institute on Soybean in 1987 namely, ICAR-Indian Institute of Soybean Research, Indore (Madhya Pradesh) to conduct basic and strategic research on the crop. Besides this, ICAR is also implementing an All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Soybean since 1967 in association with the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) to develop location-specific high yielding varieties and production technologies required to increase Soybean production in the country. The ICAR-AICRP on Soybean has one voluntary center at Regional Research & Technology Transfer Station, Bhawanipatna (Kalahandi) under the Odisha University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar. This station is undertaking need-based and location-specific research on Soybean for hot & moist sub-humid climate of Odisha comprising of Kalahandi, Bolangir and Koraput.
