

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

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-494**  
ANSWERED ON- 07/02/2025

**ESTABLISHMENT OF ICAR-CTCRI REGIONAL STATION IN NAMAKKAL /SALEM**

494. SHRI. K.R.N. RAJESHKUMAR:

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

- (a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is aware of the fact that the only tapioca research laboratory, namely the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI), is located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, despite Tamil Nadu, particularly Salem and Namakkal, being the largest producer of tapioca in the country;
- (b) whether Government has any plans to establish regional station of the Thiruvananthapuram ICAR-CTCRI in Namakkal or Salem in Tamil Nadu to cater to the needs of tapioca farmers in the State; and
- (c) if so, the details of such plans, including the timeline for establishment, location, and funding?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) to (c): Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has a tapioca research laboratory, namely the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute (CTCRI) and it is located in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. However, the institute is mandated to meet the Tuber Crops research and technology requirement of entire country including Tamil Nadu.

ICAR-CTCRI along with All India Coordinated Research Project on Tuber Crops (AICRP TC) caters the needs for research and development activities on tapioca for all the states. Two AICRP TC centres in Tamil Nadu [one at Coimbatore and another at Yethapur, Salem under Tamil Nadu Agricultural University (TNAU)] take care of tapioca research for Salem and Namakkal. Apart from this, TNAU has exclusive research station at Yethapur, Salem to cater the needs of location specific research on tapioca under the name of Tapioca and Castor Research Station (TCRS- TNAU).

In view of the above, there is no proposal at present to establish a separate regional station of ICAR-CTCRI, Thiruvananthapuram at Salem or Namakkal in Tamil Nadu.

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