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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**Unstarred Question No. 1299**

TO BE ANSWERED ON 11<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY, 2025

**Seed Banks**

**1299. Dr. Kalyan Vaijinathrao Kale**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more seed banks in the country to preserve and promote local indigenous varieties of plants;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the funds allocated and utilized along with the number of farmers benefited from the Seed Banks;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to establish Hybrid Research Centre in Maharashtra to produce more product and higher productivity and then the open pollinated seeds varieties; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the fund allocated for the Research Centre?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (c): An agency namely the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority (PPVFRA) has been established by the Central Government under Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers Rights Act, 2001 which registers and maintains seed varieties including local indigenous/traditional seed varieties in the National Gene Bank/Field Gene Bank.

So far, 4,669 seed varieties have been registered with PPVFRA by the farmers.

Additionally, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)-National Bureau of Plant Genetic Resources (NBPGR) also works in collection and acquisition of local indigenous varieties of plants from various sources and conserves them in the National Genebank.

(d) & (e). There is no such plan is under consideration. However, a Consortium Research Platform (CRP) on Hybrid Technology is in operation in Maharashtra at two centers viz., Regional Agricultural Research Station, Karjat, Dr. Balasaheb Sawant Konkan Krishi Vidyapeeth, Dapoli for rice and Agriculture Research Station, Badnapur, Vasantrao Naik Marathwada Krishi Vidyapeeth, Parbhani for pigeonpea since 2015. The budget allotted during 2023-24 to 2025-26 is Rs. 45.50 lakhs to Karjat Centre and Rs. 39.64 lakhs to Badnapur centre.

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