

### **Need to establish a Regional Centre for Oil Palm Research in Telangana-Laid**

**SHRI RAMASAHAYAM RAGHURAM REDDY (KHAMMAM):** The Government of Telangana is actively promoting large-scale oil palm cultivation as part of its crop diversification strategy. Currently, 91,200 hectares are under cultivation, with plans to expand by 40,000 hectares annually. This initiative aims to make Telangana a leading state in oil palm production, significantly contributing to the national edible oil supply. The India Institute of Oil Palm Research (ICAR-IIOPR) is the only national institute conducting oil palm research. Given Telangana's expansion plans, it is essential to establish a Regional Centre for Oil Palm Research in the state to provide scientific support to farmers. The Telangana government is willing to allocate land and extend necessary support for research and development. This initiative aligns with the National Mission on Edible Oils ? Oil Palm (NMEO-OP), promoting self-sufficiency in edible oil production while supporting sustainable agriculture. Hence, I request the Hon?ble Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to initiate necessary action for its establishment.