

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION No. 560**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON: 28.11.2024

**EMPOWERING VAN DHAN VIKAS KENDRA CENTRES OF MAHARASHTRA**

560. SHRI VISHALDADA PRAKASHBAPU PATIL:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of ongoing project of development of a composite machine for processing Neem fruits and Seeds in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether the developed machinery has been handed over to Van Dhan Vikas Kendra Centre groups in Maharashtra for processing of Neem fruits and seeds; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRIBAL AFFAIRS  
(SHRI DURGADAS UIKEY)

**(a) to (c):** Under the scheme of Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, TRIFED has commissioned a Research project for development of a composite machine for processing of Neem Fruits and Seeds in collaboration with Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh.

This research finding is linked up with the Jagdamba Vandhan Vikas Kendra, Yawatmal, Maharashtra. Demonstration cum training session followed by subsequent transfer of machinery was conducted at Amity University from 11th to 12th July 2024 and participants have been equipped with the necessary skills to operate composite machines.

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