

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1677
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HYBRID VARIETY OF POTATO
Oram Shri Jual

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a vast scope to increase areas under potato cultivation in Orissa;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard during the last three years;
- (c) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has identified any area in the State to grow hybrid variety of potato; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

- (a): Yes, Sir. There is a scope to increase area under potato cultivation in southern plateau region under kharif season and also in the coastal districts as riverbed cultivation.
- (b); Government of India had provided assistance to the State of Orissa for development of agriculture and horticulture including the production of fresh potato under the comprehensive Centrally Sponsored Macro Management Scheme. The financial assistance for the last three years is Rs.1250.00 lakh (2002-03), Rs.1967.31 lakh (2003-04) and Rs. 3792.00 lakh (2004-05).
- (c)&(d): No, Sir.