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Title : Need to set up Agri-Biotechnology Research Centre in the Shivaji University, Kolhapur, Maharashtra.

SHRI SADASHIVRAO DADOBA MANDLIK (KOLHAPUR): The Shivaji University was established in 1962 at Kolhapur. Its jurisdiction covers four districts viz. Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara and Sholapur. These districts have very large population of agriculturists and they are always in the forefront to adopt new agriculture methods. The agriculturists are always willing to adopt modern technology and improved farm practices for augmenting agricultural production and productivity. Novel methods in respect of food production are always welcomed by the farmers in Maharashtra.

Even though our country is self sufficient in food production, a saturating point in respect of production has been reached. In view of this, newer and better methods of food production are a must. Proficiency in DNA technology along with Agro-Biotech disease control and futuristic genetics are a need of the time

The Shivaji University is located in epicentre of agricultural activities and is best suited for establishment of a National level Research Centre for new agriculture methods. It has sufficient land in its possession as also has agriculture college suitably located near the premises of the University. Besides, the University has highly qualified, experienced and persons of high calibre in its faculty of scientists.

Madam, I, therefore, demand through you that a wing of Agri-Biotechnology in the Shivaji University be established by the Union Ministry of Human Resource Development and necessary financial assistance provided.