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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH AUGUST, 2026

PROMOTION OF OIL PALM CULTIVATION

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SHRI ANTO ANTONY: -

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

- (a) the details of the area brought under oil palm cultivation, area under production and crude palm oil produced under the National Mission on Edible Oils—Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) in the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala since 2021, district-wise;
- (b) the survival rate of oil palm plantations established under the Mission, including area replanted or abandoned, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of oil palm cultivation promoted in the Southern region of Kerala, including the area covered, number of beneficiary farmers, financial assistance provided and the present status of plantations;
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the suitability of the agro-climatic conditions of the region for sustainable oil palm cultivation and, if so, the details and findings thereof;
- (e) the number of operational oil palm processing mills in the country, State/UT-wise including Kerala, their processing capacity and the arrangements made for procurement of Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) State/UT-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken or proposed to improve processing infrastructure, farmer support, assured procurement and productivity under NMEO-OP in Kerala, particularly in the Southern region?

ANSWER

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

(a): Since 2021-22, under the National Mission on Edible Oils—Oil Palm (NMEO-OP) 2.98 lakh hectares has been brought under oil palm cultivation. As oil palm is a perennial crop with a gestation period of about 4-5 years, most of the area planted under the Mission is yet to attain full bearing. From 2021-22 to 2025-26, the Crude Palm Oil (CPO) production was 20.10 lakh tonnes. State-wise details of area covered and CPO production are given in **Annexure-I**, while district-wise details for Kerala are given in **Annexure-II**.

(b): The survival rate of oil palm plantations varies across States depending on management practices, availability of irrigation, and edaphic conditions. Full survival rate can be achieved, when the scientific package of practices recommended by ICAR—Indian Institute of Oil Palm Research (ICAR-IOPR) is followed. During the implementation of the Mission, no State has reported area being abandoned or requiring complete replantation due to plantation failure. Further, the Mission provides assistance for gap filling/replanting to maintain the optimum plant population and sustain productivity wherever required.

(c): During the Mission period, oil palm cultivation has been promoted in the Southern region of Kerala covering 312.94 hectares. Financial assistance of Rs. 386.881 lakh has been provided benefitting 17 oil palm farmers.

(d): ICAR-IIOPR Reassessment Committee report (2020) identified 27.99 lakh hectares as potential area for oil palm cultivation in the country based on scientific evaluation of agro-climatic suitability and land suitability parameters.

(e): The State wise details including Kerala of operational processing mills and their processing capacity are given in **Annexure-III**. The Oil Palm companies procure Fresh Fruit Bunches (FFBs) from farmers in their respective catchment areas as per prescribed price assurance mechanism under NMEO-OP.

(f): The Government is taking several interventions under NMEO-OP, including in Kerala, to strengthen the entire oil palm value chain. These interventions include support for expansion of processing infrastructure, availability of quality planting material, establishment of seed nurseries and seed gardens, assistance for maintenance and intercropping during the gestation period, micro-irrigation, farm mechanization, replanting, and capacity building of farmers. Efforts are also being made to promote oil palm cultivation in scientifically identified suitable areas and strengthen linkages among farmers, processing units and oil palm companies to facilitate timely harvesting, procurement and processing of FFBs. In addition, the pricing mechanism provides assurance to oil palm farmers by protecting them from fluctuations in international crude palm oil prices.

Annexure-I**State wise Area Achievement and CPO Produced during the Mission Period**

Sl. No.	State	Area Achievement (in ha.)	CPO production (in tonnes)
1	Andhra Pradesh	103454	1686698
2	Chhattisgarh	4510	-
3	Goa	63	1177
4	Gujarat	640	-
5	Karnataka	7481	16952
6	Kerala	434	23004
7	Odisha	10582	2584
8	Tamil Nadu	1579	5969
9	Telangana	104825	265910
10	Arunachal Pradesh	25164	2977
11	Assam	17379	-
12	Manipur	285	-
13	Mizoram	5046	4779
14	Nagaland	9298	-
15	Tripura	7656	-
	Total	298394	2010050

Annexure-II**District wise Details of Area Achieved and CPO Produced during the Mission period in Kerala**

Sl. No.	District	Area achieved (in ha)	CPO production (in Tonnes)
1	Trivandrum	1.45	-
2	Kollam	307.66	155.23
3	Pathanamthitta	1.08	472.28
4	Alapuzha	2.75	166.13
5	Kottayam	2.59	581.60
6	Ernakulam	6.55	92.33
7	Malappuram	4.87	14.19
8	Wayanadu	4.57	113.50
9	Kazargode	1.40	-
10	Idukki	41.02	3.70
11	Other	60.13	0.31
	Total	434.07	1599.3

Annexure-III**Details of Operational Oil Palm Processing Mills as on Date**

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Location	Agency	Capacity (TPH)
1	Andhra Pradesh (15 mills)	Peddapuram, Kakinada (D)	Patanjali Foods Ltd.	105
2		Ampapuram, Krishna (D)	Patanjali Foods Ltd	55
3		Ch. Pothipalli, Eluru (D)	Godrej Agrovet Ltd.	60
4		Chintampalli, Chintalapudi, Eluru (D)	Godrej Agrovet Ltd.	70
5		Sitanagaram, Chintalapudi, Eluru (D)	Godrej Agrovet Ltd.	60
6		Janagareddigudem, Eluru (D)	Navabharat Agro Products Ltd	180
7		Yernagudem, Tadepalli gudem, Eluru (D)	3F Oil Palm Ltd.	60
8		Ayyavaram, East Godavari (D)	3F Oil Palm Ltd.	30
9		Kothapeta, Nellore (D)	3F Oil Palm Pvt. Ltd.	10
10		Pedavegi, Eluru (D)	APOILFED	24
11		Garividi, Vizainagaram (D)	Radhika Vegetable Oils Pvt. Ltd	25
12		Tekarankandi, Kurupam, Parvathipuram Manyam (D)	Lakshmi Balaji Oils Pvt. Ltd.	15
13		Buchaiahpet, Anakapalli (D)	Santhi Oilpalm Ltd.	7
14		Lingalavalsa, Srikakulam (D)	Sri Srinivasa Palm Oil Mill	30
15		Konaseema (D)	Sarve Sai Edible Oils Ltd.	5
16	Goa	Gomal Velguem Via Khadki Valpoi Sattari, North Goa (D)	Godrej Agrovet Ltd.	2.5
17	Karnataka (03 mills)	Gangavathi, Koppal (D)	3F Oil Palm Ltd.	5
18		Kabini, Mysore (D)	Govt. of Karnataka	2.5
19		Harihara, Davanagere (D)	Kalpavriksha Oil Palm Pvt. Ltd.	5
20	Kerala	Yeroor, Bharatheepuram, Kollam (D)	OPIL	20
21	Odisha	Daspalla, Nayagarh (D)	Vaidehi Palms Ltd.	5
22	Tamil Nadu	Varanavasi, Kanchipuram (D)	Godrej Agrovet Ltd.	2.5
23	Telangana (04 mills)	Aswaraopet, Aswaraopet, Bhadradi Kothagudem (D)	TSOILFED	30
24		Kothagudem (D)	TSOILFED	90
25		Narmetta (V), Siddipet (D)	TS Oil Fed.	30
26		Anjanapuram (V), Khammam (D)	Godrej Agrovet Ltd.	30
A	Total (ROI)	26 Mills have been established with a capacity of 958.5 TPH		
27	Arunachal Pradesh (02 mills)	East Siang (D)	Patanjali Foods Ltd.	5.0
28		Dibang Valley (D)	3F Oil Palm Ltd.	10.0
29	Mizoram	Bukvannei, Kolasib (D)	Godrej Agrovet Ltd.	5.0
B	Total (NES)	3 Mills have been established with capacity of 20.0 TPH		
	Total (A+B)	29 Mills have been established with capacity of 978.50 TPH		
