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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1447
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10/12/2021

**IMPLEMENTATION OF HORTICULTURE CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME IN KERALA**

1447. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the Horticulture Cluster Development Programme;
- (b) the name of clusters selected for this;
- (c) whether Government has received request from the Government of Kerala to include the State in the programme; and
- (d) if so, the development made in this regard?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare (MoA&FW) has decided for development of horticulture clusters of selected high value horticulture crops. A total no. of 53 horticulture clusters have been identified by Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare (DA&FW), out of which 12 clusters have been selected for Pilot launch of Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (CDP) through National Horticulture Board. On recommendation of the respective State Governments, a State Government entity has been appointed as Cluster Development Agency (CDA) for all 12 clusters. Details of 12 clusters selected for Pilot phase are at **Annexure**.

(c) & (d): MoA&FW has received a request from the State of Kerala for inclusion of Banana, Pineapple, Black Pepper and Cardamom clusters under Horticulture Cluster Development Programme. Since the implementation of CDP has been initiated on pilot basis only, it has been decided not to include more clusters at this stage.

Annexure

List of selected 12 clusters under pilot phase of Cluster Development Programme

S. No.	Crop	Identified cluster	State
1	Apple	1. Shopian	Jammu & Kashmir
		2. Kinnaur	Himachal Pradesh
2	Mango	1. Lucknow	Uttar Pradesh
		2. Kutch	Gujarat
		3. Mahbubnagar	Telangana
3	Banana	1. Anantapur	Andhra Pradesh
		2. Theni	Tamil Nadu
4	Grapes	1. Nashik	Maharashtra
5	Pineapple	1. Sepahijala	Tripura
6	Pomegranate	1. Solapur	Maharashtra
		2. Chitradurga	Karnataka
7	Turmeric	1. West Jaintia Hills	Meghalaya
