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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-962**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/07/2023

**INCLUSION OF DISTRICTS UNDER IHDM SCHEME IN MADHYA PRADESH**

962. SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

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

(a) the number of districts of Madhya Pradesh included under Integrated Horticulture Development Mission (IHDM) scheme along with number and names of the districts for which proposal for inclusion is pending with Government; and

(b) by when these districts will be included under the IHDM scheme?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b) Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare since 2014 for the holistic development of horticulture in the country. All States/UTs are covered under MIDH.

For finalizing/identifying districts for inclusion under MIDH, a cluster approach for developing potential horticultural crops for ensuring backward and forward linkages was adopted. The selection of the district was decided on the comparative advantage of crops based on agro climatic conditions and potential for developing marketing opportunities. Based on these criteria, 39 districts of Madhya Pradesh are covered under MIDH.

However, there is a provision under MIDH scheme for setting up of infrastructure units relating to post harvest management, marketing and other project-based activities in non-MIDH districts, provided there is a clear linkage of the units with the horticulture produce. Apart from this, activities for development of horticulture in non-MIDH districts can be carried out under other Government schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

(RKVY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) etc.

Since launch of MIDH scheme in 2014-15, several representations have been received from different States for inclusion of more districts under the said Mission. However, at present, no decision has been taken to include more districts under MIDH.

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