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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2252**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08/08/2025

**COMMERCIALIZATION OF CoEs FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

2252. SHRI HARSH MAHAJAN:

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

- (a) whether Government has formulated any policy or plan to commercialise the Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for fruits and vegetables;
- (b) if so, the objective, model and potential beneficiaries of such commercialisation;
- (c) whether this initiative is expected to lead to self-reliance of these centres, innovation and technological and economic benefits for local farmers; and
- (d) the number of such CoEs that are currently functioning and the States where the process of commercialisation has been initiated?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) to (d): The Union Government, under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), provides support for setting up of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for fruits and vegetables in collaboration with various stakeholders including bilateral partners. The Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in horticulture are established with the aim of serving as hubs for demonstration, training, and dissemination of the latest technologies in horticultural production by promoting capacity building, production and supply of planting material to potential farmers and adoption of new technologies in horticulture sector. The primary objective of CoEs is to transfer knowledge and practical skills to farmers, entrepreneurs, and extension workers, thereby enhancing productivity, quality, and sustainability in the horticulture sector. By showcasing modern innovations and providing hands-on training, CoEs play a vital role in bridging the gap between research and field-level adoption. This initiative promotes self-reliance of Centres of Excellence, encourages innovation and technology adaptation while also providing economic benefits to the farming communities. Government of India has entered into bilateral cooperation agreement with Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand for establishment of CoEs. Besides, CoEs are also established with technical assistance from Indian Research Institutes.

Under MIDH, a total of 58 Centres of Excellence have been approved across various States in the country. The state-wise details of CoEs approved as on 31.07.2025 including for Himachal Pradesh are as under:

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>No. of CoE</b>
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	2
4.	Goa	1
5.	Gujarat	4
6.	Haryana	6
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1
8.	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	2
9.	Karnataka	5
10.	Kerala	1
11.	Ladakh (UT)	1
12.	Maharashtra	7
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2
14.	Meghalaya	1
15.	Mizoram	1
16.	Odisha	1
17.	Punjab	6
18.	Rajasthan	3
19.	Tamil Nadu	2
20.	Telangana	1
21.	Tripura	2
22.	Uttarakhand	1
23.	Uttar Pradesh	4
24.	West Bengal	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>58</b>

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