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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 644
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 24/07/2026

**DEMAND FOR QUALITY PLANTING MATERIAL OF HIGH-VALUE
AGROFORESTRY AND HORTICULTURAL SPECIES**

644. SMT. SANGEETA YADAV:

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

- (a) whether Government has assessed the rising demand for quality planting material of high-value agroforestry and horticultural species to reduce imports;
- (b) whether any programme is being implemented to promote certified seeds and planting material of commercially important agroforestry species which are in great demand and imported;
- (c) the financial and technical assistance provided, State-wise, including Uttar Pradesh;
- (d) whether region-specific agroforestry clusters linked with processing and exports are proposed; and
- (e) the targets fixed for expanding agroforestry cultivation and reducing horticultural imports during the next five years?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a) & (b): The Government has identified the need for ensuring the availability of quality planting material of perennial horticultural crops. To address this, the Clean Plant Programme has been launched to establish a robust system for the production and supply of disease-free, high-quality planting material of perennial fruit crops such as grapes, citrus, mango, guava, pomegranate, apple, pear, litchi and avocado, thereby reducing dependence on imported planting material. At present, no such assessment has been undertaken for agroforestry species. However, 403 numbers of Agroforestry Nurseries have been accredited which provide quality planting material of agroforestry species.

In addition, the National Horticulture Board (NHB) is implementing the Nursery Accreditation Scheme to promote the production of quality planting material. As on date, 804 nurseries have been accredited under NHB. Further, the assistance is also given for production of quality planting material through establishment of nurseries under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme which is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15 with the aim of holistic growth of the horticulture sector.

The Government of India implemented the Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) under the National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA) from 2016–17 to 2021–22 in 23 States/UTs to promote tree plantation on farmlands under the motto "Har Medh Par Ped". Subsequently, the Agroforestry Component under Pradhan Mantri- Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) was launched in 2023–24 to promote tree cover through the availability of Quality Planting Material (QPM). Financial assistance is also provided for establishing and strengthening agroforestry nurseries. To ensure the quality of planting material, the Department, in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research-Central Agroforestry Research Institute (ICAR-CAFRI), Jhansi, has developed an Agroforestry Nursery Accreditation Protocol for the production of healthy, disease-free and genetically traceable planting material.

(c): Financial assistance under the Agroforestry component of PM-RKVY is provided to States/UTs based on the proposals approved in their Annual Action Plans (AAPs). Technical support is extended through ICAR-CAFRI, Jhansi. The State-wise details of financial assistance provided, including Uttar Pradesh, is given at Annexure.

(d): There is no proposal at present for region-specific agroforestry clusters linked with processing and exports.

(e): The Cluster Development Programme (CDP), launched in October 2021, aims to enhance the global competitiveness of India's horticulture sector through an integrated, market-driven and cluster-based approach. The programme is being implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) to develop market-oriented horticulture clusters across the country.

Under the revised CDP 2.0 Guidelines issued in April 2025, the programme adopts a comprehensive value chain approach encompassing pre-production, production, post-harvest management, value addition, logistics, branding and market linkages. It also emphasizes improving farmers' incomes, enhancing export competitiveness, promoting the adoption of Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), traceability and quality certification, and strengthening linkages with domestic and international markets.

**State - wise and year-wise Allocation and Release of funds in respect of Agroforestry under PM-
RKVY**

(Rs in Crores)									
Sl. No.	State/UT	FY 2023-24		FY 2024-25		FY 2025-26		FY 2026-27	
		Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release	Allocation	Release
1	Andhra Pradesh	0.50	0.00	0.50	0.00	9.03	9.03	10.62	5.31
2	Bihar	0.00	0.00	0.5	0.00	3.45	0.23	0.56	0.28
3	Chhattisgarh	3.00	2.25	3.00	3.00	3.13	2.82	2.83	1.41
4	Goa	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.25	1.02	0.56	1.57	0.445
5	Gujarat	11.50	11.50	11	5.48	11.26	11.26	13.22	6.61
6	Haryana	1.0	0.00	0.5	0	0.00	0.00	-	-
7	Himachal Pradesh	2.0	0.5	1.5	1.08	1.13	1.02	0.74	0.32
8	Jharkhand	3.0	0.00	2.0	0.5	2.40	0.60	1.59	0.80
9	Karnataka	12.5	12.49	12	12	10.89	10.88	10.18	5.10
10	Kerala	0.5	0.00	0.5	0.31	3.26	1.63	0.86	0.43
11	Madhya Pradesh	6.15	2.46	2.5	1.83	5.14	4.63	2.60	1.30
12	Maharashtra	4.0	0.00	2.0	1.99	10.68	8.34	7.88	3.94
13	Odisha	2.0	1.49	5.00	4.5	9.00	8.50	4.00	2.00
14	Punjab	0.00	0.00	1.0	0.5	2.82	0.00	-	-
15	Rajasthan	0.31	1.00	1.00	0.70	7.41	1.71	3.00	1.5
16	Tamil Nadu	8.99	8.97	8.00	8.00	4.95	4.95	10.62	5.31
17	Telangana	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.5	5.41	4.87	0.36	0.18
18	Uttarakhand	1.00	0.00	1.00	0.25	1.24	1.24	1.00	0.50
19	Uttar Pradesh	8.96	6.62	6.5	6.5	12.32	9.86	7.72	3.86
20	West Bengal	0.00	1.00	1.00	0.25	0.32	0.32	-	-
21	Arunachal Pradesh	0.00	0.05	1.50	1.14	5.625	4.48	8.28	4.14
22	Assam	2.00	1.59	2.50	2.5	5.20	5.20	4.35	2.175
23	Manipur	1.0	0.61	1.0	0.25	1.87	1.22	1.61	0.805
24	Meghalaya	2.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.45	1.45	1.73	0.86
25	Mizoram	2.0	1.0	2.0	1.0	3.50	3.38	1.69	0.85
26	Nagaland	1.28	1.7	1.0	1.0	7.50	5.65	-	-
27	Sikkim	0.00	2.25	1.0	0.73	2.40	2.22	0.55	0.275
28	Tripura	0.00	0	1.0	0.5	1.36	0.68	2.11	1.06
29	Ladakh	1.21	0.3	1.0	0.25	0.37	0.0396	0.20	0.05
30	Jammu & Kashmir	3.0	1.32	2.5	1.25	0.93	0.93	1.35	0.68
31	Puducherry	0.00	0.00	0.32	0.16	0.16	0.10	-	-
Total		78.90	58.10	75.82	56.92	135.225	107.80	101.22	50.19
