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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2153
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 31ST JULY, 2018

SETTING UP OF VEGETABLE CLUSTERS

2153. SHRI RAGHAV LAKHANPAL:

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

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for setting up of vegetable clusters in various States of the country and if so, the details thereof along with the number of such clusters set up by the Government during the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has involved private players in setting up of vegetable clusters in the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the other comprehensive measures adopted by the Government during the current year to maintain balance between the demand and supply of vegetables?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI GAJENDRA SINGH SHEKHAWAT)

(a): Mission for Integrated Development Horticulture (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme is implemented for the holistic development of horticulture sector in the country covering fruits, vegetables, roots and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo through various interventions.

Under MIDH, cluster-based approach is adopted for production and linking it with available infrastructure, or to be created, for post harvest management, processing, marketing and export. While selecting the cluster, preference is given to those areas where natural resource base and water resources have been developed. Special emphasis is also given for adoption of area based cluster approach towards developing regionally differentiated crops, which are agro-climatically most suitable for the State/region. However, the details of clusters including vegetables are not maintained at the Central level.

(b) & (c): No such proposal is under consideration of this Ministry. However, under MIDH for the current financial year, States/UTs were requested to make sub-plan for development of crop Clusters of major horticulture crops including vegetables and make provisions in their current years' Action Plan for development of these clusters.
