GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 996

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 13TH DECEMBER, 2022

HORTICULTURAL CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

996. ADV. DEAN KURIAKOSE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has the details of areas in the country that will be developed under the Horticultural Cluster Development Program;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has finalised the list of crops that will come under the said program and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government will include areas from the State of Kerala with special reference to cardamom, nutmeg, black pepper, jackfruit etc. and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons for not including these crops and areas from Kerala?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) to (c): The Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers' Welfare identified 12 Horticulture Clusters for Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (HCDP). State-wise list of 12 clusters along-with the focused crops is at **Annexure-I**.
- (d): The Ministry has identified horticulture clusters for HCDP based on the geographic specialisation of horticulture crops. The inclusion of cardamom, nutmeg, black pepper, jackfruit etc. in the State of Kerala may be taken up based on the recommendation / proposal from the State Horticulture Mission, Kerala.

<u>Annexure – I</u>

List of selected 12 clusters under Cluster Development Programme

S. No.	Name of State	Identified cluster	Crop
1	Jammu & Kashmir	1- Shopian	Apple
2	Himachal Pradesh	2- Kinnaur	Apple
3	Uttar Pradesh	3- Lucknow	Mango
4	Gujarat	4- Kutch	Mango
5	Telangana	5- Mahbubnagar	Mango
6	Andhra Pradesh	6- Anantapur	Banana
7	Tamil Nadu	7- Theni	Banana
8	Maharashtra	8- Nashik	Grapes
		9- Solapur	Pomegranate
9	Tripura	10- Sepahijala	Pineapple
10	Karnataka	11- Chitradurga	Pomegranate
11	Meghalaya	12- West Jaintia Hills	Turmeric
