

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

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3907
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21st DECEMBER, 2021

CULTIVATION OF GUAVA

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

- (a) whether a special variety of guava is produced in Prayagraj and Kaushambi districts of Uttar Pradesh and whether there is any plan for large-scale production and marketing of the same;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey for promoting the said fruit;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the various steps taken by the Government for using science-based management of natural resources for carrying out sustainable production and development in agricultural sector;
- (f) the details of the action taken by the Government to ensure quality life to the farmers engaged in farming as the same is not satisfactory; and
- (g) the details of the beneficiaries in Uttar Pradesh including Prayagraj district under Pradhan Mantri Anndata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA)?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) & (b): Yes. Prayagraj and Kaushambi districts of Uttar Pradesh produce quality guava which are appreciated for their taste and aroma. Keeping in view the importance and to ensure quality production, Government of Uttar Pradesh has identified Muratganj and Chayal blocks of Kaushambi to develop fruit belt for guava with special emphasis to promote area expansion, quality production and post harvest management practices. "Allahabadi Surkha" variety produced in such areas has received "Geographical Index" for its special qualities.

In order to promote guava cultivation in the region, Horticultural Experiment and Training Centre has been established by the State Government at Khusharobagh, Prayagraj, exclusively to disseminate updated production & PHM techniques to the guava growers. A separate Centre for Excellence (CoE) for guava in Kaushambi under MIDH has also been established with technical support of Israel government, with focus to have true to the type quality planting material & skill up gradation.

(c) & (d): Government has not undertaken any specific study regarding cultivation of guava. However, regular survey & technical supervision programme at district level been organized in fruit belt areas by Government of Uttar Pradesh to support the farmers. It has been informed by Government of Uttar Pradesh that a Joint Committee of Horticulture and Revenue Department has been constituted to prepare a detailed database of guava orchards in Prayagraj and Kaushambi districts.

(e): Government is implementing Sub-Mission on Agroforestry (SMAF) Scheme since 2016-17 to encourage and expand tree plantation in a complementary and integrated manner with crops and livestock to improve productivity, employment opportunities, income generation and livelihoods of rural households, especially the small farmers. The scheme is being implemented 23 States/UTs with funding pattern of in the ratio of 60:40 for general category of States, and 90:10 for North Eastern and Himalayan States and 100% in case of UT & National Agencies.

Under the scheme, assistance to farmers is given through State Govt. for nursery development, boundary plantation and block plantation of prominent tree species to promote, inter-alia, tree borne oilseeds, medicinal & aromatic plants, silk & lac rearing host plants, in addition to timber species so that farmers get early returns.

(f): In order to improve the quality of life of farmers engaged in farming, Government of India is implementing various schemes like Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), National Food Security and Nutrition Mission (NFSNM), National Mission on Edible Oils- Oilseeds (NMEO-OS), National Mission on Edible Oils- Oilpalm (NMEO-OP), Sub-Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE), Mission Organic Value Chain Development for NER, Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Marketing (ISAM), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN), Pradhan Mantri Kisan Maan Dhan Yojana (PM-KMY), Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), Promotion of FPOs, National Bee and Honey Mission, Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA) etc.

(g): During the last three years a total of 83937 farmers have been benefitted in the State of Uttar Pradesh including Prayagraj district under Pradhan Mantri Annadata Aay Sanrakshan Abhiyan (PM-AASHA).
