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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3629**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024

**CLEAN PLANT PROGRAMME**

3629. SHRI VISHNU DATT SHARMA:

DR RANI SRIKUMAR:

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

(a) whether the Government has approved the Clean Plant Programme (CPP) under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);

(b) if so, whether this program aims to improve the country's horticulture sector by providing farmers access to high- quality, virus-free planting material and will help increase their crop yields, improved taste, appearance and nutritional value for crops through setting up nine world-class state-of-art clean part centres across the country.

(c) if so, whether the Government has any proposal to set up a clean plant centre in the Khajuraho of Chhatarpur district in Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu under the CPP and if so, the details thereof;

(d) the details of regarding the places and the criteria based on which the places have been selected for establishing the Clean Plant Centres (CPC); and

(e) whether the Government plans to expand the program to other state, including Tamil Nadu which alone contributes around 7-8 percent of horticultural production of country, in the near future?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): No Sir, however, based on the criteria of severity of disease (spread), availability of diagnostic methodology, consumer demand projection, current production, commercial nursery request and commercial benefits following location has been identified for establishment of Clean Plant Centres in the country under Clean Plant Programme.

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Location of the Clean Plant Centre</b>	<b>Proposed Target Crops</b>
1.	National Research Center for Grapes (NRCG), Pune, Maharashtra	Grapes
2.	Central Institute for Temperate Horticulture (CITH), Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir (without ADB Loan)	Apple, Almond, Walnut, Berries, other Temperate fruits
3.	Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH), Lucknow Uttar Pradesh	Mango, Guava, Litchi
4.	Central Institute for Temperate Horticulture (CITH), Mukteshwar, Uttarakhand	Apple, Almond, Walnut, Berries, other Temperate fruits
5.	Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI), Nagpur, Maharashtra	Citrus
6.	National Research Center on Pomegranate (NRCP), Solapur, Maharashtra	Pomegranate
7.	Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR), Bangalore, Karnataka	Mango, Guava, Dragon fruit, Avocado
8.	Central Institute of Arid Horticulture (CIAH), Bikaner, Rajasthan	Citrus
9.	ICAR-East India Horticulture Center, CISH RS, Malda, West Bengal	Tropical and Subtropical fruit Crops

(e): The benefit of the Clean Plant Programme (CPP) will be made available to all the farmers in the country engaged in farming of selected fruits crops including Tamil Nadu through the network of accredited nurseries under the CPP.

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