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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4297
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 19TH AUGUST, 2025

CLEAN PLANT PROGRAMME UNDER MIDH

4297. SHRI BASAVARAJ BOMMAI:

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 Program (CPP) under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);
- (b) if so, the details along with the key features thereof and whether this program aims to address critical issues in Horticulture by providing access to high-quality, virus free planting material and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to establish number of world-class Clean Plant Centers across the country and if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly in the State of Karnataka;
- (d) whether the Government intends to expand this program to other States in the near future; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b): The Government of India has approved the ambitious Atmanirbhar Clean Plant Program (CPP) with an investment of ₹1765.67 crores, aimed at producing, maintaining, and distributing virus-tested propagative material for identified fruit crops. The program focuses on enhancing productivity by providing quality planting material, protecting ecosystems through proactive virus and disease management, building stakeholder capacities in clean plant production, distribution, and strengthening the knowledge network by fostering collaboration among research institutes, universities, and agencies to ensure the sustainable operation of clean plant centers. Following are the 3 key outputs of the program:

1. Output 1. Institutional and regulatory frameworks, and knowledge network for clean plant program established and operationalized – The program will establish regulatory frameworks and an institutional environment to operationalize the clean plant program.

2. Output 2. Clean plant centers established and operationalized – Under the program, nine clean plant centers (CPCs) will be developed across India in collaboration with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). The clean plant centers will keep mother plants free from virus and virus-like pathogens so that nurseries can propagate disease-free planting materials from CPC's generation 1 (G1) block.
3. Output 3. Certified clean planting materials produced by accredited nurseries - The program will ensure private nurseries' production of virus-tested, clean horticulture plant materials through providing nursery audits, inspections, and pathogen testing when these nurseries participate in the horticulture plant stock certification program. Participation in the certification scheme is voluntary.

(c): Under the Clean Plant Programme, Nine (9) world-class Clean Plant Centers across the country has been identified. The details are as follows:

S.No.	ICAR institute	Location	Proposed target crops
1	National Research Center for Grapes (NRCG)	Pune, Maharashtra	Grapes
2	Indian Institute of Horticultural Research (IIHR)	Bangalore, Karnataka	Mango, Guava, Dragon Fruit, Avocado
3	Central Citrus Research Institute (CCRI)	Nagpur, Maharashtra	Citrus
4	Central Institute for Temperate Horticulture (CITH)	Mukteshwar, Uttarakhand	Apple, Almond, Walnut, Berries, other temperate fruits
5	National Research Center on Pomegranate (NRCP)	Solapur, Maharashtra	Pomegranate
6	Central Institute for Subtropical Horticulture (CISH)	Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh	Mango, Guava, Litchi
7	Central Institute of Arid Horticulture (CIAH)	Bikaner, Rajasthan	Citrus
8	ICAR – CISH, Regional Station	Malda, West Bengal	Mango, Guava, Litchi, Avocado
9	Central Institute for Temperate Horticulture (CITH)	Jammu and Kashmir	Apple, Almond, Walnut, Berries, other temperate fruits

(d) & (e): At present, there is no plan to expand the program to other States. Any future expansion to additional States and crops will be considered and decided upon after evaluating the performance of the above CPCs and crops.
