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LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 353
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 17TH MARCH, 2026

CLEAN PLANT PROGRAMME

*353. SHRI BASTIPATI NAGARAJU:

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

- (a) the number of farmers who have benefitted from the Clean Plant Programme in the country, State/UT-wise and particularly district-wise for the State of Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated under the said scheme, year-wise and State/UT-wise;
- (c) the details of the criteria used by the Government for site selection of the establishment of Clean Plant Centres across the country along with funds allocated;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to expand the number of Clean Plant Centres across the country, if so, the details including the proposed sites, timeline of implementation and financial outlay and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the details regarding the steps being taken to directly involve and benefit women farmers under this Programme especially in terms of training, leadership roles and access to certified planting material; and
- (f) the details regarding the current physical progress of nursery infrastructure developed under this Programme in the country, State/UT-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH CHOUHAN)

(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 353 FOR 17TH MARCH, 2026 REGARDING CLEAN PLANT PROGRAMME

(a): The Clean Plant Programme envisages production of disease free elite planting material through the Clean Plant Centres (CPCs). CPCs are under implementation and once centres become functional, farmers will get supply of disease-free certified planting material produced by nurseries supported under the Programme. As the Clean Plant Centres are currently under the process of design and implementation, the question of farmers benefitting under CPP does not arise.

(b): Clean Plant Programme is a Central Sector Scheme with a total outlay of Rs. 1,765.67 crore, which includes 50 percent financing through a loan from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The Programme does not provide for State/UT-wise or year-wise allocation of funds. The major components of expenditure include establishment of nine Clean Plant Centres, support for 75 nurseries, implementation of a planting material certification system, and activities related to capacity building, training, and awareness generation. Output-wise and component-wise allocation of funds is given in **Annexure-I & II**, respectively.

(c): The sites for establishment of Clean Plant Centres have been identified in crop-specific institutions of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) because of inherent crop specific expertise available with them e.g. for Grapes National Research (NRC) for Grapes, Pune; for Pomegranate – NRC Pomegranate, Solapur, for Citrus – CCRI, Nagpur etc. The selection criteria includes the availability of suitable technical infrastructure and scientific expertise in the identified crop, existing research capacity in plant health, tissue culture and disease diagnostics, regional importance and concentration of the targeted horticulture crops, and the capacity of the host institution to support long-term maintenance and multiplication of clean planting material. Funds under the Programme are allocated component-wise for establishment and operation of the Clean Plant Centres. The detail of Nine (9) Clean Plant Centres are given at **Annexure-III**.

(d): Under the Clean Plant Programme, nine Clean Plant Centres are proposed to be established at identified crop-specific ICAR institutions across the country. At present, the Programme has been designed with these nine Centres and there is no proposal for expansion of the number of Clean Plant Centres.

(e): The Programme includes components related to capacity building, training, and awareness generation aimed at promoting the adoption of certified and disease-free planting material among farmers, including women farmers. As the Clean Plant Centres are currently under the process of design and implementation, the question of women farmers benefitting under CPP does not arise.

(f): The guidelines for providing financial support for establishment of nurseries under the Clean Plant Programme are currently under preparation therefore the question of nursery infrastructure being supported does not arise.

Annexure-I referred in reply to part (b) of the Lok Sabha starred Question No. 353 for Answer on 17.03.2026 regarding “Clean Plant Programme”

Output-wise allocation of funds

	Summary of Cost Estimates	INR (Crores)
A	Base Cost (Investment cost + Recurrent cost)	
	1. Output 1: Institutional and regulatory frameworks, and knowledge networks for clean plant program established and operationalized	81.94
	2. Output 2: Clean plant centers established and operationalized	747.56
	3. Output 3: Certified clean planting materials produced by accredited nurseries	478.20
	Subtotal (A)	1307.70
B	Contingencies	291.37
C	Financial charges during implementation	166.60
	Total (A+B+C)	1765.67

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The financial targets are delineated component-wise, as under, to ensure efficient allocation and utilization of resources throughout the duration of the programme:-

	Major Heads	INR (Rs. in Crore)		
		Foreign Exchange	Local Currency	Total Cost
A	(A1) Investment Costs			
	1. Civil works	20.32	386.03	406.34
	2. Design and build	2.09	39.70	41.79
	3. Consultancy services	3.46	142.54	146.00
	4. Capacity building	4.24	80.48	84.72
	5. Equipment and materials	20.03	180.30	200.33
	6. Nursery matching grants	-	272.15	272.15
	Subtotal (A1)	50.13	1101.20	1151.31
	(A2) Recurrent Costs			
	1. Salaries and allowances	-	45.00	45.00
	2. Operation and maintenance	10.25	101.13	111.38
	Subtotal (A2)	10.25	146.12	156.38
	Total Base Costs (A)	60.38	1247.32	1307.70
B	Contingencies			
	1 Physical	5.27	69.83	75.10
	2. Price	10.01	206.26	216.27
	Subtotal (B)	15.28	276.09	291.37
C	Financial charges during implementation			
	Interest during implementation	-	162.24	162.24
	Commitment charges	-	4.36	4.36
	Subtotal (C)	-	166.60	166.60
	Total Project Cost (A+B+C)	-	1690.01	1765.67

Annexure-I referred in reply to part (c) of the Lok Sabha starred Question No. 353 for Answer on 17.03.2026 regarding “Clean Plant Programme”

The Details of Nine (9) Clean Plant Centres are as under:

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
