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LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 139
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 28TH JULY, 2026

CLEAN PLANT PROGRAMME UNDER MIDH

*139. SMT. BHARTI PARDHI:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE:

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

- (a) whether the Government has launched the Clean Plant Programme under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH);
- (b) if so, the details of the advanced certification and diagnostic testing parameters mandated to source virus-free mother stocks for commercial orchards particularly in States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra;
- (c) the structural checks established across regional tissue-culture laboratories to prevent the propagation of substandard or infected plant strains;
- (d) the criteria used to disburse specialized fiscal assistance to nurseries establishing cleanroom facilities for high-value citrus and walnut crops;
- (e) the measures taken to link the certified nursery database dynamically with the national digital public marketplace networks for tracking; and
- (f) the expected improvement in the global market acceptability of Indian fruit exports following these strict botanical health filters?

ANSWER

THE 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. 139 FOR 28TH JULY, 2026 REGARDING “CLEAN PLANT
PROGRAMME UNDER MIDH”**

(a): Yes, The Government of India has launched the Clean Plant Programme with an outlay of Rs. 1765.67 Crore under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH).

(b): Under the Clean Plant Programme, nucleus/mother stocks (G1) of clonally propagated fruit crops such as grapes, pome fruits, citrus, pomegranate, berries, guava, mango, avocado, litchi and dragon fruit will be developed and maintained at the Clean Plant Centres to be hosted in the ICAR's crops specific institutions. These Centres will conduct diagnostic testing and continuously improve testing techniques and methods. They will also maintain and distribute clean planting materials to the certified nurseries. The disease-free mother plants will serve as the authenticated source of planting material for accredited nurseries to produce virus tested certified planting material. The Programme covers all major clonally propagated fruit crops grown across the country, including those cultivated in the States of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra.

(c): Under the Programme large/medium scale nurseries shall be supported for developing/establishing appropriate infrastructure to carry out the multiplication of generation-2 (G2) planting material. Some of the Nurseries that shall propagate planting material through tissue-culture method/techniques for identified crops, shall also be establishing tissue culture labs for mass multiplication. Structural checks shall be provided across these labs through the proposed certification scheme to prevent the propagation of sub-standard or infected plant strains.

(d): Under the Clean Plant Programme (CPP), specialized fiscal assistance will be provided directly to private nurseries for establishing containment facility, green house, mother blocks and diagnostic lab etc. for the identified crops including high value citrus and walnut crops. Under the Programme, there is provision to provide financial assistance for establishment of 15 large and 60 medium nurseries through the private/public sector. The specific criteria to disburse the fiscal assistance is under preparation.

(e): Under the Clean Plant Programme (CPP), a digital platform will be developed to ensure end-to-end traceability and quality assurance of clean planting material through registration and monitoring of Clean Plant Centres, registered nurseries, mother blocks and

certified planting material on the said digital platform. At present, there is no proposal for integration of the certified nursery database with national digital public marketplace networks.

(f): The Clean Plant Programme aims to improve the availability of quality, disease-free planting material, leading to enhanced productivity, improved fruit quality and better compliance with phytosanitary requirements of importing countries. This will help in enhancing the global market acceptability and export competitiveness of Indian horticultural produce.
