

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding inclusion of Grapes Research Station Anaimalayapatti as one of the regular centres under ICAR-laid.

**SHRI P. RAVINDHRANATH (THENI):** I would like to urge the Government to include Grapes Research Station, Anaimalayanpatty of Theni District, Tamil Nadu as one of the regular research centres. In Tamil Nadu, grape is cultivated in an area of 2800 hectares out of which, 2184 hectares of land are in Theni District alone. While the grape is cultivated in other districts like Dindigul, Coimbatore, Salem, Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri, Thenkasi, Tiruchirapalli and Madurai, the district of Theni accounts for major share of grape production. To extend the area of cultivation of commercial grapes varieties and to encourage the involvement of farmers in grape cultivation with application of scientific methods as well as to increase research and development programmes, I request the Government to take appropriate action to include the Grapes Research Station, Anaimalayapatty as one of the regular centres under Indian Council for Agricultural Research - All India Co-ordinated Research Project on Fruits Programme with adequate staff, funds and infrastructure.

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**माननीय सभापति :** आइटम नंबर –16, 17, 18 और 19 एक साथ चर्चा के लिए लिए जा रहे हैं । श्री एन. के. प्रेमचन्द्रन जी ।

