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**Title: Regarding grant of Minimum Support Price for cultivation of Gloriosa Superba**

**SHRI P. VELUSAMY (DINDIGUL):** Tamil Nadu leads in the production of Gloriosa superba in India with an estimated area of 3000 hectares with annual production of 1000 tonne dry seed. The Gloriosa superba crop is mainly cultivated in Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Rajasthan, Karnataka, Goa, and other states in India. Medicinal and aromatic plants were cultivated in Tamil Nadu in an area of about 13,727 hectares during the year 2020. Gloriosa superba is the main medicinal plant grown in Tamil Nadu.

Gloriosa Superba alias Glory Lilly contains 24 types of alkaloids (nitrogenous organic compounds) and 10 non-alkaloidal medicinal compounds which is being used in native medicinal compositions and as a pain killer in allopathic medicine. The farmers of this product are badly in need of a centralized state procurement agency, crop insurance scheme, and regulation of the method of subsidy by DBT. In addition, MSP (Minimum Support Price) should be given to them to protect their procurement cost.