

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF UNDER UTILISED FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the development of value added products would play a significant role in increasing the employment opportunities for small and marginal farmers in the country;
- (b) the details of cultivation of such fruits and its availability;
- (c) whether these fruits are known for their therapeutic, medicinal and nutritive values;
- (d) if so, the assistance provided for development of these fruits;
- (e) whether the State Governments have submitted their proposal for the purpose; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government is aware that value addition of horticultural produce including fruits would play a significant role in increasing the employment opportunities for small and marginal farmers in the country. The details of area under cultivation in the country during 1999-2000 are given in the statement at Annexure I.

(c)to(f): Yes, Sir. Almost all the fruits are well known for their nutritive, medicinal and therapeutic values. The Government is providing assistance for the development of all types of fruits under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro-Management in Agriculture – Supplementation/Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans. Under this, the State Government can prioritize their programmes depending upon the felt needs and requirement. Accordingly, most of the State Governments have included the programme for the development of fruits in the Work Plans, based on which funds have been released to them.

Annexure I

A: Area in 000` HA
P: Production in 000` MT

Details of Area and Production of fruits in India (1999-2000)

Name of the Fruit Area Production

Apple	238.3	1047.4
Banana	490.7	16613.5
Citrus	526.9	4650.0
Grapes	44.3	1137.8
Guava	150.9	1710.5
Litchi	56.4	433.2
Mango	1486.9	10503.5
Papaya	60.5	1666.2
Pineapple	75.5	1025.4
Sapota	64.4	800.3

Others 601.9 5707.6

Total 3796.8 45496.0