

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CULTIVATION OF GRAPES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there are a large area under cultivation of grapes in the country;
- (b) whether the Government have taken steps to conduct a study to improve the quality of grapes in the country;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to upgrade the quality of grapes produced in the country?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a): As of 1998-99, an area of 42600 hectare was under cultivation of grapes in the country.
- (b)&(c): No specific study has been conducted to improve the quality of grapes.
- (d): The Indian Council of Agriculture Research (ICAR) has been carrying out research through the National Research Centre for Grapes, Pune as well as Indian Institute of Horticultural Research, Bangalore and Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi and have released nine improved varieties. Besides, research projects are under operation under the All India Coordinated Research Project on Subtropical Fruits for improving the quality of fruits including grapes. The Agricultural Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEDA) is implementing a scheme on Organisation Building and Human Resource Development under which integrated programme for improving the production and productivity of fruits, including grapes is taken up. The Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a scheme on Integrated Development of Fruits under which assistance is provided for supply of quality planting material, area expansion, productivity improvement, training of farmers for development of fruits including grapes.