

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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UNDERUTILISED FRUITS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a large number of fruits species including Jamun which have immense potential for commercial purpose are yet to be utilized to their full potential;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the ICAR under the National Network Project on Underutilized Fruits (NNPUF) has developed technology for production and exploitation of such fruits; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the evaluation conducted on such fruits under the scheme?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Besides Jamun, crops like rembutan, mahua, kimi, tamrind, karonda, woodapple, garcinia mangosteen, passion fruit, avocado and durion have good potential for commercial utilization.

(c) Yes, Madam. Technologies have been developed for production technology for crops like passion fruit, avocado and rambutan.

(d) Studies were made on genetic resources, evaluation of germplasm, characterization and conservation of elite types, reproductive biology, standardization of propagation techniques, evaluation for nutritive and neutraceutical values of these crops. In rambutan two free stone varieties have been developed. In passion fruit a hybrid has been developed and popularized. In avocado, eight varieties from Florida and four varieties from Vietnam have been introduced and are under evaluation.