

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FRUIT PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has any plan for increasing fruit production in the country including Gujarat State; and
(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the targets fixed in this regard, fruit-wise?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two centrally sponsored schemes namely (i) Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and (ii) National Horticulture Mission in the remaining states of the country including Gujarat with the main objective of increasing the production of horticulture crops especially fruit production. Besides, National Horticulture Board is also implementing a scheme on "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management" to promote hi-tech commercial production of horticultural crops.

(b): The schemewise details of the targets fixed and achievements are annexured. The details of production of fruits during the last three years is as under:

Production (000` MT)
Fruits 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Mango	13997	12750	13106
Apple	2001	1985	1994
Banana	23823	26217	24614
Citrus	8015	7873	9228
Guava	1981	2270	2407
Grapes	1735	1878	770
Litichi	418	423	448
Papaya	2909	3629	3956
Pineapple	1245	1341	1411
Pomegranate	884	807	823
Sapota	1258	1308	1315
Others	7321	7984	10087
Total	65587	68466	70159

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