

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF LITCHIS

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

- (a) the specific areas/States in the country where litchis are produced;
- (b) the details of litchi production in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the schemes have been launched to encourage production and export of litchis; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**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) & (b): Litchis are produced in the parts of North Bihar, Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Gumla and adjoining areas of Jharkhand; Udham Singh Nagar and valley of Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand; North-eastern districts of Uttar Pradesh and Murshidabad and 24 Parganas in North-eastern parts of West Bengal. It is also cultivated on a limited scale in Tripura, Sarguja district in Chhatisgarh, Panchmarhi area of M.P., Jammu area of J&K, Gurdaspur district of Punjab and Kangra valley of H.P. The state-wise litchi production in the country during each of the last three years and the current year is placed at Annexure-`A`.

(c) & (d): Yes, Madam. The Government has launched Centrally sponsored Schemes;

(i) Technology Mission on Integrated Development for Horticulture in NE States including Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand,

(ii) National Horticulture Mission for the remaining States. These schemes are meant for holistic development of horticulture including litchi by improving production, fruit quality and post harvest management. Financial assistance is also provided to exporters of Litchi by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) for:

(i) Setting up infrastructure facilities like pack houses, sorting/grading equipment, mechanized handling facilities, controlled atmospheric storage etc.

(ii) Implementation of quality management systems.

(iii) Brand publicity through advertisement.

A statement showing details of litchi exports during the last three years is given at Annexure `B`.