

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3870  
ANSWERED ON:04.09.2012  
CULTIVATION OF FLOWERS AND BETEL LEAVES  
Patel Shri Lalubhai

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

- (a) the details and names of the States where flowers and betel leaves are being cultivated;
- (b) the total production of flowers and betel leaves during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the number of farmers engaged in the production of these products?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): The major flower growing states are West Bengal, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttarakhand, North Eastern States, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Delhi, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Bihar, etc., where different kinds of flowers such as rose, marigold, jasmine, chrysanthemum, tuberose, gladiolus, gerbera, carnation, orchids, anthurium, etc. are cultivated. The production of flowers during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Loose Flowers (000' MT)	Cut Flowers (Lakh Nos)
2009-10	1020.6	66671.4
2010-11	1031.3	69027.4
2011-12#	1714.5	74676.9

Source: National Horticulture Board

# Advance estimate

The major betel leaves producing states are West Bengal, Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, North Eastern State (Assam and Mizoram).

The production of betel leaves during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Betel leaves
2009-10	276451 (Lakh leaves)# 70552 (MT)##
2010-11	277993 (Lakh Leaves) 96622 (MT)
2011-12	149142 (Lakh leaves) 79244 (MT)

#for Karnataka and West Bengal.

##for Kerala and Tamil Nadu

There are approximately 20 million people engaged in production, processing, transportation and marketing of betel leaves. No assessment has been made on the number of farmers engaged in the production of flowers and betel leaves.