

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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CENTRES OF EXCELLENCE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to set up centres of excellence for agricultural production in collaboration with the Dutch Government, in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which such centres are likely to be functional?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) to (c): Kerala is one of the States identified for cooperation under the Indo- Dutch Joint Agriculture Action Plan (2012-15). Two Centres of Excellence (CoEs) feature under this cooperation agreement, one for demonstration of production technologies in flowers & vegetables and the other for demonstration of latest technologies for banana ripening. The Annual Action Plan (2013-14) of Kerala under NHM has been approved with an allocation of Rs.100.00 crore which includes provision of Rs. 12.00 crore for these two centres of excellence. Government of Kerala has been advised to finalize the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for identified CoEs and seek approval thereof from within their annual allocation under NHM.