

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF MODERN EQUIPMENTS IN FRUITS PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to formulate a scheme to produce fruits like mango, litchi, grapes and saffron in accordance with international standards;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the scheme formulated by the Government to encourage the farmers and equip them with the latest technology to make a hold in the international market;
- (d) whether the Government is considering to give concession on import of modern equipments and machines used by the farmers; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): The Government of India is implementing scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in all states and Union Territories, for the development of horticulture crops including fruit crops like mango, litchi and grapes and spice like saffron. Mission envisages production and productivity enhancement of horticulture crops along with creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing by adopting a cluster approach. The scheme also has provisions for capacity building and skill upgradation of farmers through training and demonstration of latest technologies.

(d) & (e): MIDH scheme provides assistance for import of new machines and tools involved in horticulture, for demonstration purposes by the public sector with 100% assistance upto Rs.50.00 lakh per unit.