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Title : Need to include Haveri district, Karnataka into Horticulture Mission.

SHRI MANJUNATH KUNNUR (DHARWAD SOUTH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the Ministry of Agriculture to the matter regarding inclusion of Haveri district in Karnataka in the Horticulture Mission. The Haveri district has not been included in the Horticulture Mission and only 13 districts of Karnataka have been identified. Haveri district is situated on NH-4 in between Pune-Bangalore road, abutting Western Ghats. There are seven Talukas in Haveri district, out of which four talukas have been included in Malanad Area Development Board (MADB) of Karnataka, where mango is grown in abundance. Chilli crop is also grown in abundance in this area. Byadgi chillis, which is grown in Haveri district, has got international market. People from other countries of the world come to Byadgi to purchase the chillies. Even MDH Masala is getting chillis from Byadgi to prepare spices and the same are exported. People from Kerala have put up Oleo Resin Oil Factory in Kerala as well as in Haveri district of Karnataka as it has got good demand not only within the country but also outside. The farmers of this area are growing coconut, arecanut, coffee, grapes, all the vegetables etc.

Therefore, under the circumstances, it has become absolutely necessary to include Haveri district in Horticulture Mission by giving top priority[\[r91\]](#).