

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3787**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 21<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER, 2021

**CULTIVATION OF INDIAN AND EXOTIC FRUITS**

3787. SHRI GURJEET SINGH AUJLA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified globally popular fruit crops including dragon fruit and avocado;
- (b) whether some Indian fruits have also been identified as having commercial properties and high nutritious value to promote their cultivation in a big way;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the State of Punjab has also been identified to promote the cultivation of exotic fruits and indigenous fruits; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): Government has identified 10 globally popular exotic and 10 indigenous fruit crops of commercial importance such as Avocado/Butter fruit, Blueberry, Dragon fruit (Kamlam), Fig, Kiwi, Mangosteen, Persimmon, Passion fruit, Rambutan and Strawberry under exotic category and Karonda, Seabuckthorn, Jamun, Hanuman Phal (Soursop), Bael (Wood Apple), Tamarind, Phalsa, Garcinia, Jackfruit and Aonla under indigenous fruits category.

(d) to (e): The State of Punjab has also been identified to promote the cultivation of exotic fruits and indigenous fruits under Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), such as Dragon fruit and Strawberry under exotic category and Aonla, Karonda, Bael and Phalsa under indigenous fruits category as per the demand and suitability to agro-climatic conditions of the State.

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