#### **GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**

# MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

### **LOK SABHA**

# **UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 231**

TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 05<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

## PROMOTING HORTICULTURE CROPS

## 231. SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:

SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:

SHRI SUDHAKAR TUKARAM SHRANGARE:

SHRI ARUN SAO:

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

- (a) whether the Government has made any efforts to promote the availability of disease free, quality planting material for high value horticultural crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government for the development and strengthening of Horticulture, especially for Atma Nirbhar Clean Plant Programme?

### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (c): In order to promote the availability of disease free, quality planting material of high value horticultural crops, Government has initiated "Atma Nirbhar Clean Plant Programme" at an estimated cost of Rs.2200 crore for a period of 7 years (2024-30) with 50% loan assistance from Asian Development Bank (ADB).

Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare has conducted consultation mission along with feasibility studies to identify suitable locations for establishment of Clean Plant Centres and has prepared Detailed Project Report for the programme wherein 7 Clean Plant Centres have been identified at crop specific ICAR Institutes.

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