

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ORGANISATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR MANGO AND LYCHEE GROWERS BY NHB

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether National Horticulture Board has formulated any scheme to provide organizational infrastructure for the Mango and Lychee growers in Uttaranchal particularly in Tarai region;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) The measures proposed to be taken to enhance the export potentials of these fruits from this area?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b) : The National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous organization under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation does not have any scheme to provide organisational infrastructure to Mango and Lychee growers in the country including Uttaranchal. However, NHB has facilitated formation of Specific Fruit Crop Grower's Associations for nine crops viz. Apple, Mango, Lychee, Banana, Orange, Grape, Guava, Flowers and Amla at the National level.

(c): The State Government of Uttaranchal has identified Lychee having export potential from the State. The steps taken to enhance the export of Lychee are as under:-

Government took the initiative of identifying Agri Export Zone for Lychee in the State of Uttaranchal.

Government has also taken initiatives such as:

Dissemination of technical knowledge through the visit of international expert to Uttaranchal.

Dissemination of information to farmers/exporters on pre and post harvest practices to be adopted.

Information dissemination on sanitary and phyto-sanitary requirements of the importing countries and WTO.

Under the Agriculture & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

(APEDA) Scheme of Infrastructure Development entrepreneurs were encouraged to set up integrated pack houses for processing of Lychees.

Transport assistance is being provided by APEDA for exports of Lychee by sea and by air.

Marketing facilitation centre has been set up by APEDA for facilitating the exporters for export of their produce and get direct information on their import related issues.

Regular Buyer-Seller Meets are also organized by APEDA.