

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SPECIAL AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has introduced Special Agricultural Produce Scheme (Vishesh Krishi Upaj Yojana) ;
- (b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the salient features of the scheme and its status of implementation in the country particularly in Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) The steps taken by the Government to boost the exports of fruits, flowers and vegetables in the country ?

Answer

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

(a) : No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) : The Government of India has taken various steps to boost the export of fruits, vegetables and flowers in the country through Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA). These include development of pre and post harvest manuals for export of fresh fruits and vegetables; development of standards of fruits and vegetables;

residue monitoring of pesticides; recognition of pack house engaged in export of fruits and vegetables; training programme for extension officer, Agmark official and laboratories;

encouragement to adopt good agri practices at farm level; upgradation of laboratories and their recognition; market promotion and market access, etc.

In addition, the Government had approved setting up of six Agri Export Zones (AEZs), one each in Karnataka, Maharashtra, Sikkim, Uttaranchal and two in Tamil Nadu to boost the export of flowers and bring floriculture upto international standards in the country.