

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH & EDUCATION

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 233**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER, 2023

**HORTICULTURE UNIVERSITIES**

**233. DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL “NISHANK”:**

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

- (a) the number of Agriculture Horticulture Universities in the country at present including the faculty posts lying vacant in the said Universities and the efforts being made to fill up the said vacant posts;
- (b) the steps taken to make research accessible to farms;
- (c) the quantity of fruits produced in the country during the last five years;
- (d) the acreage covered under organic farming in the country as regards cultivation of fruits and vegetables including the area covered under the Himalayan ranges thereof;
- (e) the global ranking of India with regard to the production of honey; and
- (f) the position of various States in the field of honey production?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI ARJUN MUNDA)

**(a) to (f): A statement is laid on the table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 233 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 REGARDING “HORTICULTURE UNIVERSITIES”**

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**(a)** At present 08 Horticultural Universities are functioning under various State Governments in the country namely:

- i. Dr. YSR Horticultural University, Venkataramannagudem, Andhra Pradesh
- ii. Dr. Yaswant Singh Parmar University of Horticulture & Forestry, Solan, Himachal Pradesh
- iii. University of Horticulture Science, Bagalkot, Karnataka
- iv. Keladi Shivappa Nayaka University of Agriculture & Horticulture Sciences, Shivamogga, Karnataka
- v. Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University, Hyderabad, Telangana
- vi. VCSG Uttarakhand University of Horticulture & Forestry, Bharsar, Uttarakhand
- vii. Maharana Pratap University of Horticulture, Anjanthali, Karnal, Haryana
- viii. Mahatma Gandhi University of Horticulture & Forestry, Durg, Chattisgarh

As all these Horticultural Universities are under State Governments, filling up the vacant posts including maintaining records thereof is under the purview of the concerned State Governments.

**(b)** The Government of India implements Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) scheme in different States of the Country with mandate of technology assessment and demonstration to act as a bridge between research organizations and the main extension system operated by different development departments of the State Governments to disseminate information to farmers related to results of research in agriculture. The activities of KVKs include On-farm testing to identify the location specificity of technology under various farming systems; Frontline demonstration to establish the production potential of improved agricultural technologies on the farmers' fields; Capacity development of farmers for knowledge and skill upgradation; providing farm advisories using ICT and other media means on varied subjects of interest to farmers; and production of quality seeds, planting materials and other technology inputs for availability to the farmers. In order to develop awareness of improved agricultural technology among the farmers, a large number of extension activities are taken up by the KVKs. As of date, the Government has established 731 KVKs in various districts across the country for making research accessible to the farms.

**(c)** As per Second Advance Estimate, India produced 108.34 Million MT fruits in the year 2022-23. The details of fruit production in India during last five years are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Production of fruits (Million MT)</b>
2018-19	97.98
2019-20	102.08
2020-21	103.03
2021-22	107.51
2022-23	108.34

**(d):** As per data available with Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) up to 31st March 2023, the total area under organic certification process (registered under National Programme for Organic Production) is 10.17 m ha (2022-23). This includes 5.39 m ha cultivable area and another 4.78 m ha for wild harvest collection. The data specifically regarding acreage in the country covered under organic farming are not released for crops and commodities including fruits and vegetables. Moreover, during year 2022-23 area covered under fruits and vegetables crops in the country including the Himalayan ranges was 7.01 and 11.36 m ha, respectively. The production of fruits and vegetables were recorded as 108.34 and 212.91 million MT respectively, during the same period.

**(e) and (f):** India is one of the leading producers of Honey in the world. As per the Second Advance Estimate, India produced 142.00 Million MT Honey in the year 2022-23. Details of State wise production is given in **Annexure-I**.

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**[Part (e) and (f) of Lok Sabha Starred Q. No. 233 Dated 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023]****State-wise honey production (000 Metric tons) in India (as per Second Advance Estimates)**

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>States/UTs</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
1	Andhra Pradesh	2.10
2	Arunachal Pradesh	0.20
3	Assam	1.60
4	Bihar	17.50
5	Chhattisgarh	1.20
6	Gujarat	0.91
7	Haryana	5.60
8	Himachal Pradesh	6.40
9	Jammu & Kashmir	3.05
10	Jharkhand	1.82
11	Karnataka	2.45
12	Kerala	2.25
13	Madhya Pradesh	2.75
14	Maharashtra	2.10
15	Manipur	0.50
16	Meghalaya	0.32
17	Mizoram	0.40
18	Nagaland	0.80
19	Odisha	1.82
20	Punjab	20.00
21	Rajasthan	13.00
22	Sikkim	0.65
23	Tamil Nadu	2.50
24	Telangana	1.00
25	Tripura	0.25
26	Uttar Pradesh	24.30
27	Uttarakhand	3.22
28	West Bengal	23.00
29	Others	0.31
	<b>All India Total</b>	<b>142.00</b>