

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to remedy the situation and by when decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) CGHS can empanel only those private hospitals as are willing to be empanelled and are agreeable to terms and conditions and the package rates that emerge on the basis of tenders floated by CGHS. Private hospitals are required to quote their rates for various procedures. The last tender that was notified was in 2004 and revised package rates on the basis of the response to this tender came into effect from 2006-07.

In respect of rates for treatment of cancer, it was found that the rates that emerged from out of the tender process of 2004 were substantially lower than the rates in vogue from 2001-02. Consequently, most cancer hospitals refused to accept the revised rates. In order not to deprive the CGHS beneficiaries the treatment for cancer related illness, it was decided to permit CGHS beneficiaries to get treatment in any hospital providing treatment for cancer and get reimbursement at 2001-02 rates.

When the CGHS initiates action to revise rates for all procedures, it is hoped that a realistic package rate will emerge for cancer treatment.

#### **AGMARK certification to horticulture products**

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SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the name of the agency that gives AGMARK certification to horticulture products;
- (b) how is any horticulture product selected for the AGMARK certification;
- (c) how many horticulture products have been certified so far as AGMARK;
- (d) whether the certification of any horticulture product covers all the varieties of these products irrespective of regional variants; and
- (e) how does Government propose to involve the State Government agencies in the certification process?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) AGMARK Certification to all Agriculture products including horticulture products is given by the Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI) in the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture, approved State Grading laboratories, approved commercial laboratories and authorized packers under the provisions of Agricultural Produce (Grading & Marking) Act, 1937.

(b) Commodities are selected on the basis of demand from trade, on the basis of commercial utilization or consumer interest in domestic as well as international market.

(c) DMI has notified grade standards of 43 fruits and vegetables, 23 spices and 07 other horticulture commodities. The details are given in the enclosed Statement-I (See below). All these

commodities can be certified under Agmark. However, the certification is voluntary. 23 horticulture commodities are being certified under Agmark for domestic market and 08 for exports. The details are given in the enclosed Statement-II (See below).

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) Rule 8 of the General Grading and Marking Rules, 1988 provides for approval of State Grading Laboratories (SGL) to provide for certification of agricultural commodities including horticulture commodities. 111 SGLs have been approved in 19 States for this purpose.

**Statement-I**

*List of horticultural commodities for which Grade Standards have been notified under the Provisions of Agricultural Produce (Grading and Marking) Act, 1937*

**(a) Fruits and vegetables**

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| 1. Apples            | 22. Canned/Bottled Fruits & Fruit Products |
| 2. Litchi            | 23. Strawberries                           |
| 3. Banana            | 24. Grape fruits                           |
| 4. Pomegranate       | 25. Cherries                               |
| 5. Grapes            | 26. Table Potato                           |
| 6. Ribbed Celery     | 27. Melons                                 |
| 7. Mango             | 28. Seed Potato                            |
| 8. Headed Cabbages   | 29. Watermelon                             |
| 9. Pineapple         | 30. Onions                                 |
| 10. Brussels sprouts | 31. Beans                                  |
| 11. Plums            | 32. Mushrooms (Dried edible)               |
| 12. Tomatoes         | 33. Cauliflowers                           |
| 13. William Pears    | 34. Pears                                  |
| 14. Papayas          | 35. Kinnow Oranges                         |
| 15. Oranges          | 36. Okra                                   |
| 16. Shelling Peas    | 37. Guavas                                 |
| 17. Lemons           | 38. Chillies                               |
| 18. Sugar Snap Peas  | 39. Capsicum                               |
| 19. Sweet Limes      | 40. Sapota                                 |
| 20. Spinach          | 41. Custard apple                          |
| 21. Sour Limes       | 42. Gherkins                               |
|                      | 43. Carrots                                |

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| <b>(b) Spices</b>            | 16 Mixed Masala                           |
| 1 Chillies                   | 17 Garlic                                 |
| 2 Fennel                     | 18 Clove                                  |
| 3 Turmeric                   | 19 Ginger                                 |
| 4 Fenugreek                  | 20 Mace                                   |
| 5 Cardamom                   | 21 Coriander                              |
| 6 Pepper                     | 22 Large Cardamom                         |
| 7 Celery seed                | 23 Caraway and Black Caraway              |
| 8 Seedless Tamarind          | <b>(c) Other Horticulture Commodities</b> |
| 9 Cumin                      | 1. Areca nuts                             |
| 10 Sundried raw mango slices | 2. Walnuts                                |
| 11 Poppy Seed                | 3. Cashew Nuts & Kernels                  |
| 12 Ajowain                   | 4. Papain                                 |
| 13 Nutmeg                    | 5. Tapioca sago (sabudana)                |
| 14 Saffron                   | 6. Cocoa beans                            |
| 15 Tejpat                    | 7. Amla Dried and Powder.                 |

**Statement-II**

*List of Horticulture commodities being certified under Agmark*

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| <b>(a) For domestic market.</b> |                          |
| 1. Ajwain                       | 17. Turmeric             |
| 2. Black pepper                 | 18. Compounded Asafetida |
| 3. Cardamom                     | 19. Nutmeg               |
| 4. Chilli                       | 20. Mace                 |
| 5. Clove                        | 21. Mixed Masala         |
| 6. Coriander                    | 22. Mangoes              |
| 7. Cumin seed                   | 23. Onion                |
| 8. Dry ginger                   | <b>(b) For exports.</b>  |
| 9. Fennel                       | 1. Grapes                |
| 10. Fenugreek                   | 2. Onion.                |
| 11. Grapes                      | 3. Pomegranate           |
| 12. Orange                      | 4. Walnuts               |
| 13. Poppy seed                  | 5. Turmeric              |
| 14. Seedless tamarind           | 6. Cardamom              |
| 15. Table potatoes              | 7. Dry ginger            |
| 16. Tapioca sago                | 8. Black pepper          |