GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO-1459 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10/12/2021

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1459. Shri Vijay Pal Singh Tomar: Shri Harnath Singh Yadav:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the farmers in the country could avail better prices for their yields on producing exportable agro products which could help them towards doubling their income;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that adequate measures have been adopted by Government in the said direction and results have come on expected lines; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): Agriculture Export Policy(AEP), 2018 has been formulated by Department of Commerce to focus on growth of export of agro products from the country which would inter-alia improve the alternative market access for our farmers thereby contributing to the objective of increasing farmers' income.

The said Policy provides for cluster based approach whereby clusters for specific agri product are identified across the country and focused interventions are carried out in these clusters. Under AEP-2018, 41 Clusters have been identified for the development and export of 18 products.

The Ministry of Agriculture has identified 53 horticulture clusters out of which 12 clusters have been selected for pilot launch under Horticulture Cluster Development Programme (CDP).
