

COMMERCIALIZATION OF CoEs FOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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The Union Government, under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), provides support for setting up of Centres of Excellence (CoEs) for fruits and vegetables in collaboration with various stakeholders including bilateral partners. The Centres of Excellence (CoEs) in horticulture are established with the aim of serving as hubs for demonstration, training, and dissemination of the latest technologies in horticultural production by promoting capacity building, production and supply of planting material to potential farmers and adoption of new technologies in horticulture sector. The primary objective of CoEs is to transfer knowledge and practical skills to farmers, entrepreneurs, and extension workers, thereby enhancing productivity, quality, and sustainability in the horticulture sector. By showcasing modern innovations and providing hands-on training, CoEs play a vital role in bridging the gap between research and field-level adoption. This initiative promotes self-reliance of Centres of Excellence, encourages innovation and technology adaptation while also providing economic benefits to the farming communities. Government of India has entered into bilateral cooperation agreement with Israel, Netherlands, New Zealand for establishment of CoEs. Besides, CoEs are also established with technical assistance from Indian Research Institutes.

Under MIDH, a total of 58 Centres of Excellence have been approved across various States in the country. The state-wise details of CoEs approved as on 31.07.2025 including for Himachal Pradesh are as under:

S. No.	State	No. of CoE
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2
2.	Assam	1
3.	Bihar	2
4.	Goa	1
5.	Gujarat	4
6.	Haryana	6
7.	Himachal Pradesh	1
8.	Jammu & Kashmir (UT)	2
9.	Karnataka	5
10.	Kerala	1
11.	Ladakh (UT)	1
12.	Maharashtra	7
13.	Madhya Pradesh	2
14.	Meghalaya	1
15.	Mizoram	1
16.	Odisha	1
	Punjab	6

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18.	Rajasthan	3
19.	Tamil Nadu	2
20.	Telangana	1
21.	Tripura	2
22.	Uttarakhand	1
23.	Uttar Pradesh	4
24.	West Bengal	1
	Total	58

This information was given by Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Ramnath Thakur in a written reply in Rajya Sabha today.

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