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### PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p><b>Compulsory</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is the manuscript important for scientific community?</b> (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</li> <li><b>Is the title of the article suitable?</b> (If not please suggest an alternative title)</li> <li><b>Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</b></li> <li><b>Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</b></li> <li><b>Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</b></li> <li><b>Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</b></li> </ol> <p><b><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Importance of the manuscript for the scientific community: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The manuscript presents a comparative study on the economics of cultivating horticultural and non-horticultural crops in West Bengal, which is an important topic for agricultural and horticultural research. Understanding the costs, returns, and contribution to household income can help inform crop planning and decision-making for farmers and policymakers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Suitability of the title: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The title "A comparative study on economics of cultivation of horticultural and non-horticultural crops in West Bengal" accurately reflects the content of the manuscript.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Comprehensiveness of the abstract: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The abstract provides a concise overview of the study, including the objectives, methodology, and key findings. However, it could benefit from mentioning the specific location (Cooch Behar district) and the reference year for the data.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Appropriateness of subsections and structure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The manuscript is well-structured and organized into appropriate sections, such as Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion, and Conclusion.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Scientific correctness of the manuscript: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Based on the provided information, the methodology and data analysis appear to be sound and appropriate for the study. However, a more detailed evaluation of the statistical methods and assumptions would be necessary to confirm the scientific correctness.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Adequacy and recency of references: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The manuscript cites a reasonable number of references, including some recent ones (2020-2022). However, some additional recent references related to the economic analysis of horticultural crops and their contribution to household income could be included to strengthen the literature review and discussion.</li> </ul> <p>Suggested additional references:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thapa, G., Kumar, A., &amp; Joshi, P. K. (2020). Agricultural diversification in India: Status, nature, and pattern. <i>Agricultural Economics Research Review</i>, 33(347-2020-2364), 19-38.</li> <li>Birthal, P. S., Joshi, P. K., &amp; Narayanan, A. V. (2021). Economic potential of vegetable cultivation in India. <i>Food Policy</i>, 102, 102121.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>	
<p><b>Minor</b> REVISION comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?</b></li> </ol>	<p>Language and English quality:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The language and English quality of the manuscript are generally good and suitable for scholarly communication. However, some sentences could benefit from minor editing to improve clarity and flow.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Optional/General</b> comments</p>	<p>Overall, the manuscript appears to be a valuable contribution to the field of agricultural economics and horticulture, with a well-structured presentation of the study and its findings. Addressing the minor suggestions related to the abstract, references, and language could further enhance the quality of the manuscript.</p>	

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**PART 2:**

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<b>Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?</b>	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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