

Regarding inclusion of districts under National Horticulture Mission in Tamil Nadu-laid

SHRI SACHITHANANTHAM R. (DINDIGUL): The National Horticulture Mission being renamed as Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture is a Central Scheme for increasing the production of fruits, vegetables, mushrooms, spices, cashew nut, coconut, Flower, Aromatic Plants. Coco and bamboo. In the case of National Horticultural board, Coconut development board, Central Institute of Horticulture, Government of India Contributed 100% for the holistic growth of Horticultural sector. Dindigul located at the Western Ghat being bifurcated from the Madurai is popular for the growth of spices, fruits, flowers, coconut, Horticultural products. The vast areas are under the cultivation of horticultural products under big markets such by Ottanchatram, Sirumalai, Kodaikanal, is striving for cultivation and marketing the horticultural products. After bifurcation from Madurai District, Dindigul horticultural farmers are not given the benefit under MIDH mission.

It is pertinent to note that some states have reorganized/bifurcated many districts for their administrative political convenience, but do not extend the Scheme MIDII to the newly formed districts depriving the welfare of farmers in cultivation and marketing of their horticultural products. Hence, It is the plea of farmers of Horticulture products to the Central Government to issue suitable instructions to the State Governments for Extension of MIDII scheme to newly formed Districts and allocation of funds and to provide Technical advice and Administrative support to the State for the implementation of National Horticulture Mission Successfully.