

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE INDUSTRY
PUNNULAL MOHALE

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have announced a special package to promote horticulture industry of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) by when it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The Prime Minister, in his address on Independence Day 2003 to the nation, announced inter alia launching of a National Horticulture Mission to give impetus in cultivation of fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, etc. whose main target will be doubling horticulture production in the country by 2010.

(c): The modalities for implementing the National Horticulture Mission are being worked out in consultation with the State Governments. The Government is implementing programmes for development of horticulture in a mission mode under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States including Sikkim' and the same has been extended to the States of Jammu & Kashmir, Uttaranchal and Himachal Pradesh during 2003-04.