

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HORTICULTURE PRODUCTION IN KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Karnataka's horticultural production for the year 2003-2004 has taken a severe nosedive due to continued drought conditions and monsoon delay;
- (b) if so, whether according to the estimates, the production would be at least 20% less compared to 180 lakh tonnes in the year 2002-2003; and
- (c) if so, the help and assistance proposed to be provided to the affected farmers?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Firm estimates of horticulture production in the country including Karnataka for the years 2002-2003 and 2003-2004 are not available. However, the Government of Karnataka have reported extensive damage to horticultural crops during 2003-2004 due to drought conditions.

(c): The Government is providing assistance to the farmers under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture - Supplementation/Complementation of State Effort through Work Plan under which various developmental programmes including horticulture can be taken up as per the felt needs and requirement of the State Government. An amount of Rs,55.00 crores has been earmarked for Karnataka during 2003-04 under the scheme.