

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:4
ANSWERED ON:05.07.2004
PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE SECTOR
Mohale Shri Punnulal

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

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

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.4 DUE FOR REPLY ON 5.7.2004.

(a)&(b):Yes, Sir. During the 9th Five Year Plan Government of India had announced a special package on `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim` for the overall development of Horticulture in the Region. The Scheme was launched in these States during the year 2001-02. The Scheme thereafter was extended to Himachal Pradesh, Uttranchal and Jammu & Kashmir during 10th Plan. The programme is being implemented in a Mission mode approach through four Mini Missions for addressing all aspects of horticulture development covering Research, Production, Post-Harvest management, marketing and processing. Besides, the following schemes are being implemented for addressing specific areas of horticulture development in the country:

1. National Horticulture Board programmes such as Development of Commercial Horticulture and Capital Investment Subsidy Schemes for Cold Storage,
2. Coconut Development, through an Integrated Development Programme of Coconut Industry in India and Technology Mission on Coconut,
3. Integrated Development Scheme of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly Areas, and
4. Human Resource Development, in horticulture.

(c): Does not arise.