

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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INCLUSION OF HORTICULTURE IN COOPERATIVE SECTOR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to include horticulture in the cooperative sector;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has issued any guidelines to the State Governments in this regard; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): The Horticulture is already included in the cooperative sector. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'National Horticulture Mission (NHM)' during the Xth Plan with effect from 2005-06, with a total outlay of Rs.2300.00 crores, for holistic development of horticulture sector, duly ensuring end to end approach having backward and forward linkages, covering production, post harvest management and marketing, with the active participation of all stake-holders at National and State level. The schemes of NHM would be implemented, inter-alia, through cooperative societies. The guidelines for the scheme were issued to the State Governments in June 2005. The Scheme also envisages to promote National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) model of cooperatives to ensure support and adequate return to farmers.

The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) implements schemes for development of horticulture, particularly in the sectors of storage/cold storage and processing of horticultural commodities, through cooperatives.

The Ministry of Agriculture is also implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS), on the request of a State Government for procurement of horticultural commodities wherever their prices fall below the economic level. This scheme is implemented through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Ltd. (NAFED) as Central agency and State Cooperative Marketing Federations/Commodity Federations.