

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SUBSIDIES FOR NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Ministry has sought 50% subsidies amounting to Rs.15,725/- crores for National Horticulture Mission to encourage farmers to diversify and up-grade technology for post harvest management;
- (b) if so, the present status of the proposal; and
- (c) the time by which the approval is likely to be given?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 'National Horticulture Mission (NHM)' during the X Plan with effect from 2005-06, with a total out lay of Rs.2300.00 crore, 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 the stake-holders. The Mission has been approved in principle up to the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs.15000.00 crore for the Eleventh Plan. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided to the farmers @ 75% of the cost for perennial fruit crops, spices, aromatic plants and plantation crops and 50% of the cost for non perennial fruits and flowers.

Assistance is also provided @ 25% of the project cost for development of post harvest management infrastructure like pack houses, cold storage, refer van, markets etc.

(c): Does not arise.