

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF FRUITS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed and achieved in setting up of large and small nurseries for development of fruits during the Tenth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether the target fixed has not been achieved;
- (c) if so, the details thereof since 2002 till date and the reasons therefor;
- (d) the efforts made by the Government to achieve the targets during the remaining period of the Tenth Five Year Plan; and
- (e) the extent of success achieved as a result thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): During the Tenth Five Year Plan assistance for establishing nurseries has been provided under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of

(i) Macro Management in Agriculture and

(ii) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North Eastern States (TMNE).

While no targets were fixed for the nursery development component under Macro Management Scheme for the Tenth Plan, 240 small and 18 large nurseries have been set up during the year 2002-03 to 2004-05.

The Details of targets and achievement made under TMNE, since 2002-03 are as under:

Year	Small Target	Large Achievement	Small Target	Large Achievement
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2002-03	61	103	24	37
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2003-04	51	62	54	34
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2004-05	101	92	54	52
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2005-06	92	72	52	34
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The shortfall in setting up nurseries is due to high cost and less demand from the private sector

(d) & (e): 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 for holistic development of horticulture sector, under which setting up of model nurseries and small nurseries, both in the public and private sector is a component. Nurseries are to be established in the identified clusters for producing quality planting material of identified potential crops. During the remaining period of Tenth Plan 680 nos. of model and small nurseries are proposed to be set up (406 in 2005-06 and 274 in 2006-07) under NHM.