

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL INSTITUTE OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Central Horticulture Institute functioning at present, State-wise;
- (b) the funds allocated for the establishment of said institutes during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has decided to set up a Central Institute of Horticulture in Medziphoma;
- (d) if so, the details and main objectives thereof;
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be set up; and
- (f) the details of specialities and research infrastructure proposed to be provided in the said institute?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): Government of India has sanctioned a Central Sector Scheme for setting up of Central Institute of Horticulture at Medziphama in Nagaland during January, 2006 for the development of horticulture in North Eastern region. The financial outlay for the setting up of Institute over a period of 5 years is Rs.20 crores with the objectives of

- (i) refinement/demonstration of identified technologies specific for the region,
 - (ii) production and supply of quality seed and planting material of improved/high yielding varieties
 - (iii) training of state department officials and field functionaries in selected aspects of horticulture development including post harvest management, processing and value addition.
- (e) The Institute has already started functioning during 2005-06.
- (f) The details of infrastructure proposed to be provided in the said institute are as under:-

1. Greenhouses with controlled atmospheric conditions
2. Nursery Infrastructure
3. Model Floriculture Centre
4. Tissue Culture Unit
5. Plant Health Clinic
6. Nutrient Analytical Laboratory
- 7 Bio control laboratory
8. Integrated Mushroom Unit
9. Pilot Processing Plant including laboratory
- 10.Mother Blocks of selected crops
11. Demonstration plots of selected technologies for identified crops
12. Training Centres