

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS TO MAHARASHTRA UNDER NHM
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of funds provided under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) to Maharashtra during the Tenth Five year Plan, Year-wise;
- (b) whether any potential belt has been identified in the State to cover the same under the Mission;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has prepared any concrete plans for production and marketing of horticulture products since the Mission is going to be extended unto the next plan; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a): The National Horticulture Mission (NHM) was launched during the Tenth Plan with effect from the year 2005-06 for the holistic development of horticulture sector. During 2005-06, an amount of Rs.8260.28 lakh was provided to the State of Maharashtra under NHM.
- (b) & (c): The Mission envisages area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticulture crops having comparative advantage. As per the Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Maharashtra for 2005-06 four clusters covering 23 districts have been identified for developing eleven crops.
- (d) & (e): An integrated approach is adopted while formulating the AAP duly ensuring an end to end approach having backward and forward linkages, covering production, post harvest management and marketing, with the active participation of all the stakeholders.