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LOK SABHA**

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DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE IN NORTH EASTERN STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds provided to North Eastern States for development of horticulture during the last three years and the current financial year; and

(b) the steps taken to promote horticulture products, its exports and improve infrastructure in North Eastern States?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal' to address various issues related to development of horticulture in North Eastern States in a Mission mode approach. Under the Mission, assistance is being provided for expansion of area under different horticulture crops besides providing assistance for creation of infrastructure facilities for production of quality planting material, improving the production and productivity, post harvest management marketing including export, processing and value addition of various horticultural produce. In addition, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce has identified four Agri-Export Zones (AEZs) in North Eastern States for promotion of export of horticultural produces. Two AEZs for Flowers & Cherry pepper and Ginger in Sikkim; one for organic pineapple in Tripura and one for Ginger in Assam. Details of infrastructure facilities created and funds provided for North Eastern States during last three years and current financial year are given in annexure – I & II respectively,