

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:11
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REVIVAL OF SICK FLORICULTURE UNITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many of the floriculture units are sick in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Union Government has any plan to help the sick floriculture units;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which the units are likely to be revived?

Answer

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

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Based on the recently concluded study commissioned by APEDA for the Rehabilitation of Sick Floriculture Units, 39 units were identified as sick and need for rehabilitation. A list of the 39 identified sick units is annexed as Annexure-1.
- (c): Yes, Sir.
- (d): A proposal has been submitted by APEDA to the Ministry of Commerce to set up a fund to provide financial assistance to rehabilitate the sick floriculture units so as to nurse them back to health thereby enabling them to produce exportable quality produce.
- (e): From the time the recommendations are implemented, it is estimated it would take 3 years for the units to settle their outstanding loans with the respective bankers, undertake replanting activities, etc. after which they are expected to be nursed back to health.