

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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EXPANSION OF NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the expansion list of National Horticulture Mission Phase-II has been issued;
- (b) if so, the number of new districts of various States including Rajasthan and Karnataka which have been identified for the project;
- (c) whether the geographical area, population is being taken as criteria for including new districts; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) has been extended to another 69 districts in various States during 2007-08. While new districts have not been included in the State of Karnataka so far, 6 new districts have been included in Rajasthan.

(c) & (d): The existing area under horticultural crops, agro-climatic conditions and potential for cultivation of the horticulture crops in the particular district are the main criteria that is taken into account for inclusion of new districts under the scheme.