

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF HORTICULTURAL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is formulating any specific scheme to increase the production of horticultural crops;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the production of horticultural crops registered in the country during the last three years; and
- (d) the names of the leading States producing horticultural crops in the country?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. The Government has announced launching of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) programme during X Plan with the objectives of doubling India's Horticulture production by 2011-12. The NHM will address the gaps in horticulture sector, particularly quality planting material, infrastructure for Post Harvest Management marketing and processing.

(c): The production of Horticulture Crops in the country for last three years is annexed.

(d): Maharashtra is the highest producer of fruits (8.84 million tonnes) followed by Andhra Pradesh (6.15 million tonnes) and Tamil Nadu (4.34 million tonnes). Vegetable production is highest in West Bengal (18.07 million tonnes) followed by U.P. (15.04 million tonnes) and Bihar (8.02 million tonnes).

ANNEXURE

PRODUCTION OF MAJOR HORTICULTURAL CROPS

(Production in Million Tonnes)

1998-99 1999-2000 2000-01 2001-02 (Provisional)

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|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Fruits | 44.04 | 45.50 | 43.12 | 43.00 |
| Vegetables | 87.53 | 90.83 | 93.85 | 88.62 |
| Spices | 3.10 | 3.02 | 3.02 | 3.77 |
| Coconut | 8.61 | 8.42 | 8.67 | 8.80 |
| Cashew | 0.46 | 0.52 | 0.45 | 0.47 |
| Others | 2.46 | 0.93 | 1.09 | 1.12 |

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| Total | 146.20 | 149.22 | 150.20 | 145.78 |
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