

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3189  
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ORANGE PRODUCTION IN MANIPUR  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that Tamenglong district of Manipur is an orange producing district;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has provided any technical and financial support for higher yield, storage and processing units in the district including its transportation to other parts of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government has any plan to send a team of experts to assess the scope of orange production and its export; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. Tamenglong is an important Orange producing district of Manipur State. To harness the potential of growing horticultural crops including orange in North Eastern State, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim since 2001-02.

The Government provides technical and financial support for improving the yield as well as infrastructure facilities for Post Harvest Handling, Storage, Marketing, Export and Processing of Horticulture produce in Manipur state, which includes Tamenglong District of Manipur for promotion of Orange through four Mini Missions of Technology Mission.

The Mini-Mission - I which relates to Research and technology development is coordinated and implemented by India Council of Agriculture Research. The Mini Mission-II which relates to Improving production and productivity is coordinated by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and implemented by the Agriculture/Horticulture Department of the

States. The Mini Mission-III which relates to Post-harvest management, marketing and export is Coordinated by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation and implemented by National Horticulture Board, Directorate of Marketing & Inspection, National Cooperative Development Corporation, National Agriculture Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited and Agriculture and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority. The Mini Mission-IV which relates to Processing is coordinated and implemented by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.

The details of the financial assistance provided under the Mission in Manipur state is as under:-

Year	Rs. in lakhs
2001 - 02	487.03
2002 - 03	731.67
2003 - 04	837.26
2004 - 05	825.00

(Allocation for 2004-05 is Rs.1100 lakhs)

The details of assistance provided for Tamenglong district is given at annexure-I.

(d)&(e): A team of experts from National Research Centre, Nagpur; Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Manipur Centre and officials of State Department, Manipur have made assessment on production of Orange in Tamenglong district. The team observed that Tamenglong district with ideal agro-climatic conditions is suitable for growing Orange on a commercial scale. For promotion of

export of horticulture products including orange in Manipur State, Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), under Ministry of Commerce has been regularly conducting awareness programmes for farmers and exporters.

#### Annexure-I

The details of financial assistance provided under the Horticulture Technology Mission in Tamenglong district of Manipur State since 2001-02.

Sl. No. Component Unit Physical Financial (Rs. in lakhs)

1. Orange (area expansion)	ha	435	56.550
2. Low Cost Green House	Sq. m.	7031	5.625
3. Medium Cost Green House	Sq. m.	1000	0.800
4. Drip Irrigation	ha	2	0.570
5. Shade Net	Sq. m.	27500	3.850
6. Anti Hail Net	Sq. m.	20200	101.000
7 Mulching	ha	12	0.840
8. Small Nursery	No.	2	6.000
9. Community Tanks	No.	12	12.000
10. Manually operated sprayer	No.	65	0.975
11. Power operated Sprayer	No.	4	0.200
12. Adoption of IPM	ha	65	0.650

Total 189.06