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HUB FOR HORTICULTURE CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up a hub for horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): Government of India has been implementing a centrally Sponsored Scheme namely "National Horticulture Mission (NHM)" since 2005-06 for holistic development of horticulture sector which include setting up of Terminal Market Complex (TMC) in major production zones. Terminal market complex has been conceptualized as an alternate market infrastructure having hub (main market) and spoke (collection centers) model on public Private Partnership (PPP) mode to ensure adequate supply chain for marketing of perishable commodities, especially fruits and vegetables in the country. TMC is reform linked and would be implemented in those States which have amended APMC Act to facilitate participation of private entrepreneurs.

Under the above scheme, assistance as floor subsidy @25% of the project cost plus @15% subsidy to the successful bidder limited to Rs.50.00 crore is provided for setting up of Terminal Market Complex (TMC) having hub and spoke model. So far, in-principal approval has been given for establishment of 4 terminal markets one each in the States of Bihar, Maharashtra, Orissa and Tamil Nadu. The process of setting up of these markets is in progress by the respective State Governments.