

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:21
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2010
PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has identified areas and taken steps for promoting horticulture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether financial and other assistance have been provided for use of sprinkler irrigation facility, marketing facility, setting up of cold storages, access to latest research in horticulture and provision of subsidy to the farmers for taking up horticulture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the funds allocated in this regard during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.21 DUE FOR REPLY ON 27-07-2010

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz
(i) Technology Mission for Integrated Horticulture Development for North Eastern and Himalayan States (TMNE) which has been renamed as Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States(HMNEH) and
(ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States and Union Territories for the holistic development of horticulture sector by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticultural crops. State-wise details of districts covered under NHM & HMNEH schemes are given at Annexure-I(a) and I(b).

Under both the Schemes, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture development such as production of quality planting material, area coverage through high yielding varieties, rejuvenation/replanting of old and senile orchards, protected cultivation, organic farming, promotion of integrated nutrient management/integrated pest management, pollination support through bee keeping, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development, primary/mobile processing, development of infrastructure for post harvest management including cold storages and marketing.

Latest research in horticulture reaches to the farmers through training programmes and technology extension through demonstrations by the State Agriculture Universities, ICAR institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras.

State-wise details of financial assistance provided under NHM & HMNEH schemes during each of last three years and allocation for current year is given at Annexure-II(a) & Annexure-II(b).

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is also implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Micro Irrigation from 2005-06, which has now been modified as National Mission on Micro Irrigation from 2010-11. Under this Scheme, financial assistance is provided @ 50% of the total cost for small and marginal farmers and @ 40% for general farmers for installation of drip and sprinkler irrigation system. State Government is providing 10% of the system cost and the remaining cost is borne by beneficiary. State-wise details of financial assistance provided under Micro Irrigation scheme during each of the last three years and the allocation for current year is given at Annexure-III.