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DRYLAND HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote dryland horti culture in drought prone areas of the country including Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (c) the details of the funds likely to be allocated by the Government to various States under the scheme during the 12th Five Year plan period, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in all states and UTs, for holistic development of horti- culture sector. Mission envisages production and productivity enhancement of horticulture crops by adopting a cluster approach with backward and forward linkages. Depending upon the potential for development, horticulture crops including pomegranate, ber & citrus are taken up in drought prone areas of the country.

The Mission subsumes six ongoing schemes, viz. National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan states (HMNEH), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB), National Bamboo Mission (NBM) and Central Institute of Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland.

As per information obtained from Government of Maharashtra, the state has initiated two schemes under area expansion linked to plantation of horticulture trees through horticulture department to promote dryland horticulture viz., Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employee Guarantee Scheme and Employment Guarantee Scheme (State).

(c): State-wise details of funds allocated during the 12th Five Year Plan (2012-13 to 2014-15) are Annexed.