

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:120
ANSWERED ON:15.07.2014
NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION
Chaudhary Shri P.P.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is implementing the National Horticulture Mission in the country and if so, the number of districts covered under the Mission, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received any proposals from the States including Rajasthan for inclusion of some more districts under this Mission, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon; and
- (c) the funds allocated, released and utilised by various States under the Mission during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 120 DUE FOR REPLY ON 15TH JULY, 2014.

(a): Yes, Madam. National Horticulture Mission (NHM) has been subsumed under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), which is being implemented in all States/UTs of the country. A total of three hundred and eighty four (384) districts are covered in 19 States and 4 UTs under the National Horticulture Mission, while one hundred and thirty seven (137) districts of eight North Eastern and three Himalayan States are covered under the Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH). State-wise number of districts covered under NHM and HMNEH are as per details at Annexure I.

(b): Some States, including Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan, have requested for inclusion of more districts under NHM. The National Horticulture Mission

(NHM) envisages a cluster approach for development of horticultural crops, in accordance with their comparative advantage based on agro climatic conditions, potential for development and marketing opportunities. Inclusion of more districts under this programme would lead to diffusion of scarce resources. States have been advised to utilize funds from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for horticulture development in Non-NHM districts.

(c): State wise details of funds allocated, released and utilized during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure II.