

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title : To increase subsidy to farmers under the Area Expansion Programme in Odisha

Shri Chandra Sekhar Sahu (Behranpur): Thank you, hon. Speaker, Sir.

Sir, area expansion for fruit crop and floriculture has been a major component of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (National Horticulture Mission). Under the said Mission, twenty-four districts of my State are covered. In my State, the maximum cost of cultivation per hectare for high density mango is Rs. 42,000. For papaya, the maximum cost of cultivation per hectare is Rs. 60,000. For banana, the maximum cost of cultivation per hectare is about Rs. 10,263. For bulbous flower, the maximum cost of cultivation per hectare is Rs. 1,50,000. For cut flower, the maximum cost of cultivation per hectare is Rs. 1,00,000, and the maximum cost of cultivation per hectare for spices crop is from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000. Out of the same, about forty to fifty per cent subsidy is provided to farmers to take up the programme. Sir, you can imagine how will the small farmers of my State get the benefits of the said programme with high cultivation cost.

Hon. Speaker, Sir, through you, I, therefore, request the hon. Minister and the Government to increase an assistance under the Area Expansion Programme so that more farmers -- not only of my State but also of the country as a whole -- get benefits of Mission to double their incomes.

Thank you very much, Sir.