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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3142**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE IN UTTAR PRADESH**

3142. SHRI RAMESH CHAND BIND:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has prepared any roadmap for the development of Horticulture in those areas where soil is appropriate for Horticulture in the country particularly in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any initiative to train those farmers interested in Horticulture; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a centrally sponsored scheme is being implemented from 2014-15 for the holistic development of horticulture sector in the country covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew and cocoa. Under MIDH, horticulture crops are selected based on its suitability with agro-climatic conditions including soil. All States/UTs including Uttar Pradesh are covered under MIDH.

Under MIDH, for promotion of horticulture throughout the country, financial & technical assistance is provided to States/UTs for following major interventions/activities:

- Setting up of nurseries, tissue culture units for production of quality seed and planting material.
- Area expansion i.e. Establishment of new orchards and gardens for fruits, vegetables, and flowers.
- Rejuvenation of unproductive, old, and senile orchards.
- Protected cultivation, i.e. poly-house, green-house, etc, to improve the productivity & grow off season high value vegetables and flowers.
- Organic farming and certification.
- Creation of water resources structures and watershed management.
- Bee-keeping for pollination.
- Horticulture Mechanization.
- Creation of Post Harvest Management and Marketing infrastructure.

(b) & (c): Under MIDH, there is a component of Human Resource Development (HRD) and assistance is provided under this component for awareness programmes, farmers training, exposure visit, etc. Training is provided on latest technologies on production and post-harvest management related to horticulture crops.

Since inception of the MIDH scheme i.e. from 2014-15 to 2022-23, a total of 9.00 lakh farmers have been trained under MIDH in the country including 32847 farmers in the State of Uttar Pradesh.

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