

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have provided financial assistance for promotion of horticulture during each of the last three years and current year so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise particularly Uttar Pradesh;
- (c) whether the Union Government are contemplating to formulate other schemes to promote horticulture; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Government of India has provided financial assistance to the State/Union Territories for promotion of Horticulture under its various Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes which include schemes on Integrated Development of Fruits, Vegetables, Root and Tuber Crops, Spices, Cocoa, Cashewnut, Floriculture, Mushroom, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants, Honeybees and Use of Plastics in Agriculture and also the schemes of National Horticulture Board and Coconut Development Board. The details of the funds released to the different States/Union Territories during 1996-97 to 1999-2000 (year-wise) are given in the Annexure.

(c)&(d) Yes, Sir. In the current year the following new schemes have been approved for implementation during IX Plan in order to promote horticulture:-

(i) Human Resource Development in Horticulture: The scheme aims at providing training to personnel at supervisory and gardener level besides other technical staff in the State Directorates of Horticulture with a view to improve technical skill for better implementation of the horticulture development programmes in the states.

(ii) Integrated Horticulture in Hills and Tribal Areas: This scheme aims at implementing integrated programme for development of horticulture in the tribal and hilly areas. The scheme is being implemented in project mode through state designated agency and would address all the components of horticultural development including marketing.

(iii) Capital Investment Subsidy for Cold Storages: A Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for Cold Storages and Storages, which envisages the Construction of 12.00 lakh tonnes capacity and Modernisation/Expansion of 8.00 lakh tonnes of cold storage capacity and 4.5 lakh tonnes of onion storage capacity has been approved and is being implemented. Under the scheme, capital investment subsidy amounting to 25 per cent of the project cost subject to a maximum of Rs.50.00 lakhs shall be provided. In the case of North-Eastern States, the subsidy would be 33.33 per cent subject to a maximum of Rs.60.00 lakhs per project.