

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE AND FLORICULTURE IN TAMIL NADU

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have any data on the scent flower production in the country used for producing scents;
- (b) the details of the exports made including quality and value of floriculture during the last two years; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote horticulture and floriculture in Tamil Nadu?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) The total production of flowers in the country during 1999-2000 was 509 thousand metric tones of loose flowers and 6806 lakh numbers of cut flowers. The data on production of flowers producing scent is not available.

(b) The value of flowers exported during 1999-2000 was Rs.105.16 Lakhs and during 2000-2001 Rs.123.12 Lakhs. The flowers which are exported from the country include cut flowers, cut foliage, dried flowers and flower seeds etc.

(c) Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `MacroManagement in Agriculture - Supplementation/Complementation of States efforts through work plans` in all States including Tamil Nadu. Under this Scheme funds are allocated to States. The scheme provides greater flexibility to States in prioritizing their needs. The development of horticulture and floriculture are included in this scheme. The State can pursue the programmes of horticulture and floriculture under this scheme. Besides, National Horticulture Board under its programme `Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management` provides assistance in the form of back ended capital subsidy @20% of total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs.25.00 Lakhs. Agricultural Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce, is also implementing various programmes for horticulture and floriculture industry which are availed by Tamil Nadu also.