

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6055
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TISSUE CULTURE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to promote tissue culture in the country;
- (b) if so, the centrally sponsored scheme through which the promotion of tissue culture is propagated;
- (c) the major fruit crops identified for tissue culture propagation;
- (d) whether any such tissue culture was promoted in Orissa under Central scheme during the last three years;
- (e): if so, the details thereof; and
- (f): the funds allocated for the purpose?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on MacroManagement in Agriculture – Supplementation / Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans, under which the State Governments can take up various programmes for development as per their felt needs and requirements. Establishment of tissue culture units in the Public as well as private Sector is one of the components of the scheme.

(c): The major fruit crop which is propagated through tissue culture in the country is banana .

(d)&(e): Yes, Sir. Under the Macro Management Scheme the Government of Orissa has covered 28.16 hectares under tissue culture banana at an expenditure of Rs.8.45 lakhs during 2001-02 and 2002-03.

(f): A sum of Rs.30.00 lakhs has been earmarked for covering 100 hectare under tissue culture banana during the year 2003-04 in Orissa.