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DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY INTERVENTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce a new scheme on sustainable development of horticulture through technology intervention;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure 7 per cent growth of horticulture during Tenth Five-year Plan?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): A new Central Sector Scheme on Sustainable Development of Horticulture through Technological Interventions is proposed to be introduced during the Tenth Five Year Plan for which an outlay of Rs.240.00 crores has been earmarked. The scheme would address various aspects of horticulture development covering capacity building for manpower development, innovative technology application, establishment of multicrop nurseries, technology intervention for cultivation, creation of infrastructure facilities, risk management etc.

(c): The measures proposed to be taken by the Government for achieving accelerated growth rate in horticulture during the Tenth Five Year Plan include enhancement of outlay for horticulture development programmes, implementation of schemes on mission mode particularly in potential areas like North Eastern Region, create infrastructure facilities for supply of good quality planting material, coverage of area under improved varieties, technology dissemination and demonstration, promote hi-tech horticulture like micropropagation, fertigation, protected cultivation, precision farming, create facilities for pre and post harvest management of horticulture produce besides supporting the State Governments to promote horticulture development in a regionally differentiated manner.