

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1057
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PROMOTION OF BIG ORCHARDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government have taken steps for the promotion of big orchards in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including assistance provided to the States for the purpose; and
- (c) the names of the districts of Orissa for which financial assistance provided for the purpose and the nature of other assistance provided, if any?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir. The National Horticulture Board (NHB) under the scheme 'Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest management' provides back-ended capital investment subsidy @ not exceeding 20% of the total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs.25.00 lakh per project for hi-tech cultivation projects including big orchards throughout the country which are found technically and financially viable. For the North Eastern/Tribal/Hilly areas, maximum limit of subsidy would be Rs.30.00 lakh per project.

(b): Under the above scheme, financial assistance is provided to the individual entrepreneurs and not to the States. The assistance provided to the entrepreneurs for promotion of big orchard in various States during 2002-03 is given in the Statement at Annexure-I.

(c): In Khurda district of Orissa, financial assistance of Rs.1.73 lakh was provided for one project during 2002-03 for the promotion of big orchard.

Annexure-I

DETAILS OF ASSISTANCE PROVIDED UNDER 'DEVELOPMENT OF COMMERCIAL HORTICULTURE THROUGH PRODUCTION & POST HARVEST MANAGEMENT' DURING 2002-03

(Rs. In lakhs)

S.No. Name of the State 2002-03
No. of Projects Subsidy sanctioned

Andhra Pradesh	13	76.48
Gujarat	43	292.00
Haryana	1	3.86
Karnataka	77	417.33
Maharashtra	29	157.54
Tamil Nadu	18	79.69
M.P.	1	1.99
Orissa	1	1.73
Nagaland	3	5.18
Total	186	1035.8