

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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TECHNOLOGY MISSION FOR HORTICULTURE SECTOR IN J& K  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether technology mission for horticulture sector in Jammu & Kashmir is only a scheme approved on papers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government has any substantial proposal to support the Horticulture sector by way of some profitable technological inputs; and
- (e) if so, the details therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal` is fully operational in the state of Jammu & Kashmir since 2003-04.

(c) to (e): Recognizing the potential for development of horticulture in Jammu & Kashmir, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India has extended implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on `Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim` to the three contiguous hilly states namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal during 2003-04 with an additional Xth plan outlay of Rs.260.00 crores. The allocation for Jammu & Kashmir is Rs.100.00 crores. The mission is being implemented in a mission mode approach to address all the issues related to development of horticulture starting from development and introduction of high yielding varieties and technologies, expansion of area, post harvest handling and management, and infrastructure development for marketing, value addition and processing.

The details of funds released for implementation of the mission in Jammu & Kashmir is as below:

(Rs. In lakh)

Mini Mission	2003-04	2004-05
MM-I	100.00	100.00
MM-II	650.00	1233.00
MM-III	-	178.50
MM-IV	-	321.50
TOTAL	750.00	1833.00

In addition, during the years 2003-04 and 2004-05, an amount of Rs.732.00 lakhs has been released for implementation of the projects under Mini Mission – III & IV in Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal on project based proposals.