

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PEPPERMENT PRODUCTION IN U.P.  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a proposal of large scale farming of Peppermint in Uttar Pradesh is pending with the Union Government;
- (b) if so, the present status of the proposal;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any concrete steps to provide remunerative price to the peppermint farmers in the State;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Sir.

(c) to (e): The Government is implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of horticultural commodities and perishable agricultural commodities on the request of a State/UT Government which is ready to bear 50% loss (25% in case of North-Eastern States). The MIS is implemented in order to protect the growers of horticultural commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during the peak arrival period when prices tend to fall below economic levels.