

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HORTICULTURE TRAINING CENTRE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government of Holland has accorded the status of excellent training centre to the Horticulture Training Centre, Telegaon Dabhade, district Pune;
- (b) if so, whether the Government of Holland has provided any assistance for setting up of this centre;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the estimated annual expenditure of this training centre;
- (e) whether the training centre has requested to provide grants to meet its annual expenditure; and
- (f) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

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

- (a): The Government of Netherlands has given a citation stating Horticulture Training Centre (HTC), Pune being implemented with the support from Netherlands as the best collaboration project during the year 2004 in Pune, India.
- (b) & (c): The Netherlands Financial Agency has given a grant of 8 million Euro (approximately Rs.4.00 crore) for setting up the training centre.
- (d): The estimated average annual expenditure of this training centre is to the tune of Rs.1.00 crore.
- (e) & (f): The Union Government has not received any request from Government of Maharashtra for grant of assistance towards meeting annual expenditure for HTC, Pune.