

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF ALPHANSO MANGO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Alphanso Mango is being produced in the country especially in Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to increase its production; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the financial assistance provided for the purpose to the farmers during the last three years and the current financial year, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Alphanso Mango is being cultivated in 1.60 lakh ha area in the districts of Konkan region of Maharashtra State. Besides Maharashtra, Alphanso Mango is also being cultivated in the States of Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture has launched a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) during the X Plan with effect from 2005-06, for holistic development of horticulture sector adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticultural crops, having comparative advantage. Mango including Alphanso variety is being promoted under the Scheme.

Under NHM, variety wise allocation of funds is not done. The State-wise details of funds provided for area expansion of various horticultural crops including Mango during 2005-06 and 2006-07 under NHM is given at Annexure. In Maharashtra State, financial assistance of about Rs. 37.00 crore has been provided to the farmers during the last three years through various schemes.