

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the steps taken to promote horticulture in various States of the country during the last three years; and
- (b) the steps proposed to be taken to promote horticulture in Orissa during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

**Answer**

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

(a): The Government has been implementing various schemes for the development of Horticulture sector in the country. Under the schemes, various activities such as supply of good quality planting material, area expansion with improved high-yielding varieties, productivity improvement measures, training programmes, coverage under drip irrigation, green-house construction, plastic mulching, etc. are taken up. These activities are now being implemented under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/ Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans. Under this Scheme, the State Governments can prioritize their activities as per their felt needs and requirements. Besides, National Horticulture Board assist eligible project under its scheme on 'Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post - Harvest Management' provides assistance in the form of back ended capital investment subsidy @ 20% of total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs.25.00 lakh and Rs.30.00 lakh for hilly areas. Agriculture Produce Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce, also promotes horticulture development in the country with emphasis on export.

(b): A National Horticulture Mission Program is proposed to be implemented in the country including the State of Orissa during 10th plan aiming at doubling of Horticulture production by 2010-11.