

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:59
ANSWERED ON:19.11.2007
LOSSES IN HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Horticulture farmers in the country, particularly in Karnataka are incurring losses in their production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to make horticulture cultivation a profitable venture?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 59 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH NOVEMBER, 2007.

(a) & (b): Increase in the production of horticulture crops coupled with a general increase in the prices of fruits, vegetables, spices and condiments in recent years indicate that the horticulture farmers in the country are not incurring losses in their production. However, occasionally, some losses do occur due to various reasons such as natural calamities and outbreak of pest and diseases.

(c): In order to make horticulture cultivation a profitable venture, the Government is providing assistance to the farmers through schemes like the National Horticulture Mission, Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North-Eastern and Himalayan and the National Horticulture Board. Besides, Government is providing assistance to farmers for taking up drip and sprinkler irrigation under the Scheme on Micro Irrigation. Moreover, Government is implementing a Price Support Scheme (PSS) for fixing Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for crops which are not covered under the MSP operations.