

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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HORTICULTURE MISSION TO CONVERT WASTELAND

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is working on a Rs.15,000 crore horticulture mission to convert wasteland into vegetable and fruits producing land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether private sector is also participating in this mission;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the details of land to be selected for the purpose , State-wise;
- (f) whether the concerned State Governments have been consulted in this regard;
- (g) if so, the details thereof;
- (h) the total expenditure likely to be incurred by the Government and the fund expected by the Government from the private sector in this mission?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): The Government is working to launch a National Horticulture Mission during the Tenth Plan with the objective of doubling the horticulture production by 2011-12.

(c)&(d): It is proposed to involve the private sector also in taking up various programmes under the mission such as production of seeds and planting material, creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and processing.

(e): Potential horticultural crops are proposed to be promoted by adopting area based cluster approach for which projects will be prepared by the state implementing agencies after approval of the Mission.

(f)&(g): Periodic consultation have been held with the representative of the State Governments, farmers group, and grower associations and their views are considered in finalizing the mission programme.

(h): The estimates of expenditure under the mission is yet to be finalized.