

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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MODEL FLORICULTURE REGIONAL CENTRES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set up Model Floriculture Regional Centres in various parts of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith their functions, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to set up more regional centres in various parts of the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d):Ministry of Agriculture is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir,Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal".The scheme was launched during the year 2001-02 in North Eastern states,later on extended to Jammu & Kashmir,Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal.The scheme is being implemented in a mission mode approach addressing the issues related to development of horticulture, which includes introduction of high yielding varieties and technologies, area expansion programmes, post harvest management, infrastructure development for marketing and processing in an end to end approach.

Under the scheme, assistance is provided for establishment of Model Floriculture Centre (MFC) i.e., Model Floriculture Regional Centre and the rate of assistance is Rs.70.00 lakhs per unit.

The function of the Model Floriculture Centre is to serve as a focal unit for development of floriculture in the state besides, obtaining planting material/germplasm from ICAR and importing from outside the country with a view to have advantage in marketing the produce.

The detail of the state wise assistance provided for establishment of Model Floriculture Centre unit is given at Annexure.

Under the scheme, State Governments of N.E. States, J&K, HP and Uttarakhand submit the proposal for establishment of Model Floriculture Centre in their Annual Action Plan.