

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether integrated programmes for development of horticulture in tribal/hilly areas, a centrally sponsored scheme is under implementation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial allocation made by the Government during the current financial year and Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise;
- (c) the details of schemes undertaken in Darjeeling district of West Bengal during the said period and financial allocation and utilization of funds, till-date?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): A Central Sector Scheme on `Integrated Development of Horticulture in Tribal/Hilly Area is being implemented since 2000-01 for promotion of horticulture in Tribal/Hilly areas. The programme includes: Crop Production, Transfer of Technology, Irrigation facilities, Horticulture Machineries, On-Farm Handling, Alternative Marketing System and any other need based horticulture activities. An allocation of Rs.1600.00 lakhs has been fixed for current financial year and Rs.4500.00 lakhs for Xth Five Year Plan. The program is project based and no fixed allocation made state-wise.

(c): In Darjeeling District of West Bengal, an amount of Rs. 215.75 lakh have been sanctioned till date since 2002-03. Upto 2004-05 an amount of Rs.156.75 lakh already released out of which Rs.97.75 lakh utilized upto 2003-04.