

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTATION OF FRUIT TREES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total area of land in hectares brought under fruit plantation during the last one year and the current year, Statewise;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated to various States by the Union Government for the purpose alongwith the amount actually spent thereon during the said period, State-wise;
- (c) the number of States in which the allocated amount could not be fully utilized alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has taken any initiative to expedite the plantation of fruit trees; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely
- (i) Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) and
  - (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) during the eleventh Five Year Plan for the development of horticultural crops including fruits. State-wise details of area of land in hectares brought under fruit plantation and funds allocated and released for the purpose during the last one year and the current year are given at Annexures I & II.
- (c): Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) scheme, out of seventeen States, eight States could not fully utilize the funds allocated for the development of fruits. As the horticulture is seasonal activity and plantation depend on rains, sometimes there is less achievement of physical targets in some of the States.
- (d) & (e): Yes Sir, The activities taken up under these schemes are to promote horticulture including production of quality planting material i.e. development of fruit nurseries and plant tissue culture units, area expansion programme for fruit crops, rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, integrated pest management, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, drip and sprinkler irrigation, imparting training to farmers and extension functionaries on the recent developments in the field of fruit crops.