

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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FLORICULTURE TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering enhancement of floriculture production and export thereof in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard; and
- (c) the measures being taken by the Government for enhancing production and export of flowers from Jammu and Kashmir?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)
(i) Six Agri export zones have been set up in the following States to promote export of floriculture products:

1) Uttaranchal 2) Sikkim 3) Maharashtra 4) Karnataka 5) Tamilnadu

(ii) Other steps taken by Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) include financial assistance for setting up of flower auction centers at Bangalore, Mumbai and Noida (Uttar Pradesh), cold storage facilities to handle perishable cargo and transport assistance to exporters.

(c) APEDA has extended financial assistance for a feasibility study for development of floriculture, in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, for exports.