

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the funds allocated to various States including Karnataka under the National Horticulture Mission are inadequate and do not meet the requirement due to increasing potential of horticulture in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard;
- (d) the details of the allocation and expenditure made under the National Horticulture Mission during each of the last three years and in the current year, State-wise;
- (e) whether the Government has made any assessment of the objectives and achievements of this Mission; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of farmers benefited thereunder?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): Under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM), the funds provided to various States including Karnataka are adequate to meet the requirement of horticulture development in the country.

The outlay of the scheme for the States has been stepped up over the years and funds are released to the State Horticulture Missions as per the requirement projected in their Annual Action Plan, which is approved by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation on annual basis. During 2006-07, an amount of Rs.84385.14 lakh was released to the States, which was stepped up to Rs. 87625.01 lakh during 2007-08 and Rs. 94618.50 lakh during 2008-09.

(d): The State-wise and year-wise details of funds allocated/released and expenditure made under the National Horticulture Mission during each of the last three years and in the current year is given at Annexure-I

(e) & (f): A Mid term evaluation of scheme was conducted by the National Productivity Council and the finding of the study inter alia indicates that there has been an increase in area under various horticulture crops by 12.4% and also increase in yield of non-perennial fruits crops, spices etc. The study has also indicated that many farmers have ventured into horticulture for the first time after the launch of NHM and the scheme has provided employment opportunities to the tunes of 190 million man days.

During the period from 2005-06 to 2008-09, due to the initiatives of the NHM, 1986 new Nurseries have been established, an area of 12.61 lakh ha has been brought under cultivation of various horticulture crops & rejuvenation carried out in 2.06 lakh ha old and senile orchards. Altogether 13120 community water sources have been created. Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) have been promoted in 5.76 lakh ha. area and adoption of organic farming was carried out in 1.11 lakh ha of land. Under the Post Harvest Management (PHM) Component, 1108 pack houses, 109 cold storage units, 23 refrigerated vans, 92 mobile/primary processing units, 8 whole sale markets, 51 rural markets have been given financial assistance apart from creation of functional infrastructure in 76 market yards.

Under NHM, assistance is being provided for development of horticulture to all farmers limited to 4 ha per beneficiary. The number of farmers benefited under NHM have not been quantified. However, during the period from 2005-06 to 2008-09, an area of 12.61 lakh ha has been covered under various horticulture crops.