

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:898  
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COMMERCIAL CULTIVATION OF VEGETABLES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has sought views from agriculture experts and farmers for commercial cultivation of vegetables;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the benefit likely to accrue to farmers on account of the introduction of commercial production of vegetables alongwith the likelihood of such move to help in checking the prices of vegetables in the country?

**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) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing three Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely
- (i) Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-harvest Management.
  - (ii) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, J&K, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand and
  - (iii) National Horticulture Mission in the remaining states with main objectives of enhancing production and productivity of horticultural crops including vegetables in the country. While finalizing the Annual Action Plans submitted by the State Governments for area expansion under fruits and vegetables, the views of Horticulture experts/ Consultants and progressive farmers are invariably sought for.
- (c): The implementation of these schemes not only help in increasing production and productivity of vegetables but also help to an extent in checking their pricess and in the process,the farmers are largely benefited.