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ASSISTANCE FOR PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government provides financial assistance to the State Governments under various schemes to enhance the production of fruits and vegetables;
- (b) if so, the details of funds allocated, released and utilised during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, year-wise and scheme-wise;
- (c) whether such schemes have addressed the issues related to production and productivity of horticultural crops including fruits and vegetables;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons, therefor?

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): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing two centrally sponsored schemes namely
 - (i) Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and
 - (ii) National Horticulture Mission in the remaining states of the country for enhancing horticulture production, wherein end to end approach is adopted covering production, protection, post harvest management & marketing to assure appropriate returns to farmers. Besides, National Horticulture Board is also implementing a scheme on "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management" to promote hi-tech commercial production of horticultural crops.
- (b): Statements showing scheme-wise / state-wise / year-wise details of fund allocated, released and utilized during the last three years and the current year are annexed (I & II).
- (c) to (e): Yes, Madam. The implementation of these schemes has enhanced production and productivity of vegetables from 115.00 million MT in 2006-07 to 129.00 million MT during 2008-09 having productivity of 16.0 tonnes/ha. Similarly, production of fruits has also increased from 59.56 million MT in 2006-07 to 68.46 million MT during 2008-09 having productivity of 11.2 tonnes/ha.