

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ASSISTANCE UNDER MMA AND NHM SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the States for the growth, production and productivity of agriculture and horticulture under the Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA) Scheme and the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (c) the success achieved therefrom?

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.

(b): A statement indicating the State-wise and year-wise funds allocated and released during the last three years and the current year in respect of MMA and NHM is enclosed at Annexure –I and II.

(c): The evaluation of MMA scheme has brought out the positive impact of the scheme in promoting high-yielding varieties, encouraging value addition in farm output, increasing farmers' income and assisting employment generation.

Under MMA, during the 11th Five Year Plan (2007-2012) an amount of Rs.2823.29 crore has been released to States/UTs till date. The funds have been utilized for treatment of 737 lakh hectares of degraded land on watershed basis, 8.47 lakh hectares of land in river valleys and flood prone rivers, 0.83 lakh hectare of alkali soil and distribution of 7.92 lakh farm equipment.

Under NHM, during the period from 2006-07 to 2009-10, inter alia, an additional area of 15.21 lakh ha or identified horticulture crops has been covered and 77445 numbers of vermin-compost units established.

Since the inception of National Horticulture Mission in 2005-06, till now, production of fruits have gone up by 25.6% vegetables by 22% and spices by 11.9% in the country.