

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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INFORMATION OF PRESERVATION FACILITIES  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any mechanism to disseminate information regarding scientific methods of preservation of fruits and vegetables to the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the incentives provided to the farmers to increase the production of fruits and vegetables?

**Answer**

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

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) from 2005-06, for the holistic development of horticulture sector by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticultural crops, having comparative advantage. The scheme is being implemented in all the States and UT's except the States covered under the scheme on Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North – Eastern States (TMNE) including Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The Mission envisages an end to end approach covering production and distribution of planting material, vegetable seed production, area expansion, rejuvenation of senile orchards, creation of water resources, protected cultivation, IPM/INM, organic farming, front line demonstration, human resource development, development of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing. The scheme is implemented through the State Horticulture Mission.

Human resource development is one of the important components of the scheme, under which training is imparted to farmers to acquaint them about adoption of high yielding varieties and farming techniques and other aspects of horticulture development including Post Harvest Management. Assistance to agencies involved in training programme is provided @ Rs. 400/- per farmer trained within the district, Rs. 750/- per farmer trained within the state and Rs. 1000/- per farmer outside state. Training is carried out both by government and Private sectors as well as private and NGOs depending upon the capabilities of organization. There is also provision for exposure visit of farmers under the scheme.

In order to increase the production of fruits, under the scheme, assistance is provided to the farmers for area expansion of new gardens ranging from Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 per ha depending upon the crops in 3 installments of 60:20:20 subject to survival rate of 75% in 2nd year and 90% in 3rd year for perennial fruits and for non-perennial fruits in 2 installments of 75:25 subject to survival rate of 90% in 1st year. For vegetables, assistance is being provided through vegetable seed production, organic farming, protected cultivation and adoption of integrated nutrient management and integrated pest management.