

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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COCOA CULTIVATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government proposes to launch any scheme for the promotion of cocoa cultivation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has taken any steps to control cocoa mealy bug affecting cocoa cultivation; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**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 has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely,
- (i) Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE) and
  - (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the remaining States for holistic development of horticulture including promotion of cocoa cultivation.
- (c)&(d): Central Plantation Crops Institute, Indian Council of Agricultural Research has recommended spraying of insecticides like Fenthion @ 50ml in 100 litres of water or Dimethoate @ 160 ml in 100 litres of water for effective control of mealy bugs in cocoa plantations.