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HORTICULTURE TECHNOLOGY MISSION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Horticulture Mission is being implemented in all the States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government is contemplating to review such scheme to make it more effective;
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the achievements made under the schemes, State-wise and year-wise; and
- (f) the follow-up action taken/proposed to be taken for better implementation of the schemes?

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)to (c): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is being implemented from 2005-06 for the holistic development of horticulture sector. The scheme is continued during XI Five Year Plan and is being implemented in 18 States and 3 Union Territories (UTs) of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshdweep and Puducherry. Remaining 11 States are covered under the Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in the North - Eastern States (TMNE) including Sikkim and Himalayan States.

Under the Mission, various horticultural crops such as fruits, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, plantation crops of Cashew and Cocoa are included for area expansion based on the natural potential of the area.

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.

(d) & (e): To make horticulture activity more popular and attractive among the farmers and growers, the cost norms & pattern of assistance for most of the components under the Mission have been enhanced. It is envisaged that increased pattern of assistance will motivate farmers for adopting improved technologies and cultivars, encourage private sector participation in building infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing. Besides, some new components like mushroom production, high density plantation, certification of good agricultural practices, horticulture mechanization, ripening chambers, pre-cooling units, retail markets have also been included in the Mission.

State-wise and year-wise details of achievement made under the major components of the scheme during 2005-06 to 2009-10 are given at Annexure I-V.

(f): In order to ensure better implementation of the scheme, besides, monthly, quarterly, half yearly and yearly progress monitoring, review of the programme is taken up at regular interval by the Executive Committee, video conferencing with the officers of State Horticulture Missions. Besides, field visit are also under taken by the Joint Inspection Team.