

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FARMING  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether vegetables and fruits farming is becoming a profitable venture for the farmers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of facilities provided for the development of such farming;
- (d) whether the Government is implementing any scheme to impart education in agricultural technologies to fruits and vegetables growers;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the details of assistance/subsidy provided during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise?

**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 cultivation of Vegetables and fruits has become a profitable venture for farmers due to higher returns per hectare. A statement showing area and production of horticulture crops during 2006-07 to 2008-09 is placed at Annexure I.

(c) to (e): The Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely,  
(i) Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand(TMNE) and  
(ii) National Horticulture Mission(NHM) in the remaining States for holistic development of horticulture. Under the TMNE scheme, assistance is provided to the farmers for cultivation of all the horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables. In NHM scheme, assistance is provided for cultivation of all the horticulture crops except vegetables for which assistance is provided in the form of vegetable seed production, seed infrastructure and organic farming besides providing assistance for imparting training to farmers for adoption of various improved technologies in fruits and vegetables farming. The details of cost norms and pattern of assistance for development of fruits and vegetables and training of farmers under these schemes are given at Annexure-II&III. Besides National Horticulture Board is also implementing a scheme on "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management" to promote commercial production of horticultural crops.

(f): Details of assistance provided under NHM and TMNE schemes during each of the last three years, state-wise and year-wise is given at Annexure-IV and V.