

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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FUNDS TO HORTICULTURE BOARDS
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides funds to the horticulture boards in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of funds released to the horticulture boards during the Eleventh Five Year Plan, State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the incentives given to such boards for the said period, alongwith their present working conditions, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SAUGATA ROY)

- (a): Horticulture Boards are funded by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture.
- (b) & (C): Details of funds released to National Horticulture Board (NHB) during the Eleventh Five Year Plan are as under:

2007-08 Rs.121.03 cr.

2008-09 Rs.122.47 cr.

2009-10 Rs.143.00 cr.

State-wise details of subsidy sanctioned by NHB during Eleventh Five Year Plan is enclosed as Annexure-I.

NHB is functioning effectively and sanctioned 2172 cold storages, adding capacity of 86.57 lakh MT in the field with a back-ended-subsidy of Rs.605 crore which attracted private investment of more than Rs.3000 cr. 1.78 lakh acres of additional land was brought under 34,000 technology intensive integrated projects which will provide additional 20 lakh MT of horticulture produce in the country. It is estimated that these schemes of NHB would generate employment for about 5 lakh persons.