## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:330 ANSWERED ON:27.07.2010 PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE IN UP Jaiswal Shri Gorakh Prasad ;Singh Rajkumari Ratna

## Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the National Horticulture Mission is being implemented in Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof location wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote horticulture in the State?

## **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): Yes, Madam. The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is being implemented in 18 States of the country including Uttar Pradesh, since 2005-06. At present, 45 districts of Uttar Pradesh have been taken up for the development of horticulture under NHM. The list of Districts covered under NHM in the State is given at Annexure.

Assistance is being provided under NHM for taking up various activities related to horticulture development covering production and distribution of seeds and planting material, area expansion through establishment of new gardens, rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, protected cultivation, Integrated Pest Management/Integrated Nutrient Management, organic farming, pollination support through bee keeping, development of infrastructure for Post Harvest Management, marketing and Human Resource Development.

During the period 2005-06 to 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 317.82 crore was released to the State Horticulture Mission. The State has reported an expenditure of Rs.304.97 crore up to 2009-10. The Annual Action Plan for implementing NHM programme during 2010-11 has been approved for Rs. 125.00 crore including GOI share of Rs.106.25 crore and Rs.34.00 crore has been released so far.