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AGRO FORESTRY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme to promote Agro forestry and Orchards in the country including the backward areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the amount of financial assistance provided to the States by the Government for the said purpose during the last three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (c): There is no specific scheme to promote Agro forestry in the country. However, under the on-going watershed development programmes of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation viz. Soil Conservation in the Catchment of River Valley project and Flood Prone River and National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas, Agro forestry is a minor component (seedling for boundaries only) for which amount upto Rs.1200/- per hectare is permissible. Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), under the All India Coordinated Research Project (AICRP) on Agro forestry, is promoting different agro forestry systems including fruit based agro forestry systems. Financial assistance provided under AICRP on Agro forestry to various Centres in the country including backward areas during last three years is given at Annexure I.

Department of Land Resources is implementing Technology Development Extension and Training (TDET) Scheme under which Pilot Projects for promotion and testing of various agro forestry models in different agro climatic zones of the country have been sanctioned to various Research Institutions & State Agricultural Universities. State wise details of funds released under TDET scheme including agro forestry project, to various agencies during last three years is given at Annexure II.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States and Union Territories for the holistic development of Horticulture in the country including backward areas. Under both the schemes, assistance is provided to the farmers for cultivation of fruits (orchards).

State wise details of financial assistance provided under HMNEH and NHM schemes for horticulture development including cultivation of fruits during last three years is given at Annexure III & Annexure IV, respectively.