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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME UNDER HORTICULTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to initiate poverty alleviation programme under horticulture scheme through extension of horticulture technology in the country including Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

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) & (b): 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 including Uttar Pradesh and Union Territories for the holistic development of horticulture in the country. Under both the schemes, diversification from traditional crops to cultivation of horticulture crops like fruits, plantation crops, flowers, spices, aromatic plants are promoted to ensure higher return per unit area, improve nutritional security and income support to farm house holds and create employment opportunities in rural areas; thus alleviating poverty level. These schemes also envisage extension of appropriate technology to farmers for hi-tech horticulture cultivation and precision farming through farmer's participatory demonstrations and training programmes.