

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION

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

- (a) the number of projects being run under the National Horticulture Mission to promote Horticulture in the country including Himachal Pradesh alongwith the time since when these projects are in progress;
- (b) the total funds sanctioned, amount released and utilised so far for these projects;
- (c) the present status of the projects and the time by which these are likely to be completed; and
- (d) the extent to which the mission has achieved its objectives?

**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): For the promotion of horticulture in the country, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely;

- (i) Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States (TMNE) including Sikkim since 2001-02 which was extended to Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Utrakhand during the year 2003-04 and
- (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the remaining States and Union Territories from 2005-06.

(b): The total amount sanctioned / released from 2001-02 to 2008-09 under the scheme of TMNE is Rs. 1538.60 crore, out of which an amount of Rs. 1520.24 crore has been utilized. In Himachal Pradesh, an amount of Rs. 128.79 crore has so far been released and utilized fully.

Under the NHM scheme, an amount of Rs. 3503.12 crore is sanctioned / released, out of which Rs. 3140.85 crore has been utilized.

(c): These two schemes are being continued for implementation during XIth Five Year Plan.

(d): The objectives of both the schemes are holistic development of horticulture through production of quality planting material, new plantations, creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing.

Under TMNE scheme, so far, 280 nurseries have been established. An additional area of 4.86 lakh hectare has been brought under horticulture crops. In post harvest management, 357 markets, 31 ropeways and 47 processing units have been established. In Himachal Pradesh, so far 72 nurseries have been established and an additional area of 35644 hectare brought under horticulture crops. In Post harvest management 1 market and 7 processing units have been established.

Under NHM, so far, 1609 nurseries have been established and an additional area of 12.46 lakh hectare brought under horticulture crops. In post harvest management, 898 pack houses, 117 cold storage units and 83 market infrastructure have been established