## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:118 ANSWERED ON:09.11.2010 NHM IN RAJASTHAN Choudhary Shri Harish;Singh Shri Ijyaraj

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

- (a) whether the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is being implemented in Rajasthan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise;
- (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) & (b): Yes Madam. The National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is being implemented in 24 districts of Rajasthan. The districts covered are Tonk, Ajmer, Banswara, Dungarpur, Jalore, Jodhpur, Karauli, Pali, Sawai Madhopur, Sirohi, Baran, Barmer, Chittorgarh, Jaipur, Jhalawar, Kota, Nagaur, Sri Ganganagar, Jhunjhunu, Bhilwara, Alwar, Bundi, Udaipur and Jaisalmer.
- (c): Under NHM the activities undertaken in the State include establishment of nurseries in the public and private sector, establishment of new gardens through area expansion of potential horticulture crops like fruits, flowers, spices, and aromatic plants, rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, adoption & certification of organic farming, promotion of integrated pest management and integrated nutrient management, creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing and human resource development.

Under the Mission, during 2005-06 to 2009-10, an additional area of 83057 ha of identified horticulture crops are covered besides establishment of 121 nurseries for production of quality planting materials, 1942 ha covered under rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, adoption of organic farming in an area of 4227 ha for promotion of organic cultivation of horticultural crops, establishment of 1492,- numbers of vermi-compost units, adoption of IPM practices in an area of 39378 ha, creation of 32 IPM/INM infrastructure facilities such as disease forecasting units and plant health c1inics, creation of 893 community water structures and distribution of 26265 colonies with hives. Under the component of Post Harvest Management, 15 units (11 cold storages, 1 C.A. Storage and 3 mobile processing unit) have been established apart from establishment of 4 rural markets and 13 functional infrastructures for collection, grading etc. 24577 farmers have been given training under various horticultural activities.

During 2005-06 to 2009-10, an amount of Rs. 183.68 crore was released to the State. The State has reported an expenditure of Rs. 177.22 crore.

The Annual Action Plan of State Horticulture Mission, Rajasthan for 2010-11 has been approved for Rs. 70.00 crore including GOI share of Rs. 59.50 crore. During the year, an amount of 15.00 crore have been released. An expenditure of Rs. 11.22 crore has been reported.