

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE FOR HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government provides/ proposes to provide assistance/ special package under the National Horticulture Board (NHB) scheme to promote horticulture including medicinal plants in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the funds sanctioned for the projects during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to encourage and provide subsidies under the Capital Investment Subsidy Scheme for construction/ modernisation of cold storage for horticulture produce;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

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): Details of the various schemes implemented by the National Horticulture Board (NHB) to promote horticulture, including some of the medicinal plants and funds sanctioned are given at Annexure-I & II respectively.
- (c) to (e): The Scheme `Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce` is being implemented by the National Horticulture Board. Under this scheme, credit linked back-ended capital investment subsidy is being provided to the eligible organizations for creation/Modernization/ expansion of cold storage/ Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storage @ 40% of the capital project cost in general areas and 55% in case of Hilly & scheduled areas for a maximum storage capacity of 5000 MT. The details of the Scheme are given at Annexure-III.