

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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COCOA CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme/incentive for the promotion of cocoa cultivators in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) details of cocoa production during each of the last three years and the current year, State- wise; and
- (d) the details of assistance financial and otherwise provided to the States in this regard during the said period?

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 Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the holistic development of horticulture including Cocoa. The Cocoa is cultivated in the States of Kerala, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Under NHM financial assistance is provided to the farmers for area expansion and replanting @ Rs. 20,000/- per ha for meeting the expenses on planting material and cost of material for integrated nutrient management integrated pest management etc in three installments of 60:20:20 subject to survival rate of 75% in 2nd year and 90% in 3rd year for a maximum area of 4 ha per beneficiary. The assistance is also provided for rejuvenation of cocoa @Rs.15,000/- per ha limited to 2 ha per beneficiary.

Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development (DCCD), Kochi is also implementing the programme for promotion of Cocoa in the country under NHM. Besides, monitoring of the cashew and cocoa development programme in the States, DCCD is implementing programme on technology demonstration in farmers` field and institutional land, area expansion in farmers` field and awareness programme.

(c): The State-wise details of production of cocoa during 2006-07 to 2009-10 are given at Annexure-I.

(d): The State-wise details of financial assistance/funds approved for area expansion and rejuvenation of cocoa during 2007-08 to 2009-10 and current year are given at Annexure-II.