

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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HORTICULTURE DEVELOPMENT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether for the horticulture development, Government proposes to set up vegetable parks in all the cities of the country having a minimum population of one million;
- (b) if so, the details and locations thereof, areas-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the objectives behind this move;
- (d) whether the Government has acquired the land for the purpose; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (c): At present, there is no proposal to set up Vegetable Parks in the country. However, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes for the holistic development of horticulture in the country viz. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) from 2001-02 in 11 States and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) from 2005-06 in remaining 18 States and 3 Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar, Lakshdweep and Puducherry.

Under these schemes, funds are provided for promotion of vegetable cultivation through vegetable seed production, cultivation of high value vegetables under protected condition (Green Houses, Shade net houses and plastic tunnels) and organic cultivation of vegetables. Under HMNEH, assistance is also provided to farmers for vegetable cultivation in open field conditions.

(d) & (e): Question does not arise.