

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF POTATO CROP
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount sanctioned/allocated to various States including Bihar for promotion and protection of potato crop during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;and

(b) the details of the farmers benefited in the country including Bihar, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the country including Bihar for the holistic development of horticulture from 2005-06. Under NHM, assistance is not provided for cultivation of vegetables including potato in open field condition. However, assistance is provided for vegetable seed production and development of seed infrastructure under the Public and Private sector.

Statewise details of funds sanctioned during the last three years and current year, including Bihar for production of vegetable seed and development of seed infrastructure is given at Annexure-I and Annexure -II respectively. The scheme is being implemented through State Horticulture Missions (SHMs) and farmers / beneficiaries are selected by the SHMs. However, during the period, up to January, 2011, 2372 farmers have been benefited in Bihar under vegetable seed production programme.