

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a need to promote the horticulture sector to control price-rise;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (c) whether any survey of developed agrarian countries has been conducted by the Government in this regard;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the National Horticulture Mission has formulated a scheme for setting up of modern cold storages for preservation of vegetables in collaboration with the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and other Government agencies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Government is implementing the schemes of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) in the country for increasing production and productivity of horticulture crops. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture such as production of planting material, area coverage, rejuvenation / replanting of senile orchards, protected cultivation, organic farming, promotion of integrated nutrient management / integrated pest management, primary processing, development of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure. These measures are expected to lead to stabilization of prices of horticulture produce.

(c) & (d): No survey of developed agrarian countries has been conducted by the Government in this regard.

(e) & (f): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Government of India has issued Technical Standards for establishment of energy efficient, multi crop and multicamber cold storages under NHM, HMNEH and National Horticulture Board (NHB) schemes for storage of various horticulture crops including vegetables. Subsidy available under these schemes is linked to adoption of technical standards. Under these schemes subsidy, @ 40% (for general areas) and @ 55% (for hilly and tribal areas) of capital cost of the project is available for both public and private sector enterprises. The subsidy for the private sector is credit linked and back-ended. The cold storage component of NHM scheme is implemented through State Horticulture Missions. The component of cold storage under HMNEH scheme and NHB schemes is implemented through National Horticulture Board.