

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has received proposals from various States including Uttar Pradesh for implementing National Horticulture Mission in all districts and development blocks;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the time by which these proposals are likely to be cleared?

**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): Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted proposals for inclusion of all 71 districts under National Horticulture Mission. National Horticulture Mission (NHM) envisages a cluster approach for developing potential horticulture crops duly ensuring backward and forward linkages. While selecting the districts, comparative advantage of crops based on agro-climate conditions, potential for development and marketing opportunities are taken into consideration. Accordingly, till 2007-08, 45 districts of Uttar Pradesh have been covered under NHM. No other State has submitted proposal to cover all Districts & development blocks under NHM.

The General Council of NHM in its meeting held on 20.03.2008 had decided that in order to avoid thin distribution of resources, efforts should be made to consolidate the implementation of the NHM programme rather than expand it. Non-NHM Districts can avail assistance for horticulture development from scheme like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme etc. State Government of Uttar Pradesh has been informed accordingly.