

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:389
ANSWERED ON:30.08.2011
ASSISTANCE FOR HORTICULTURE CROPS
Rajbhar Shri Ramashankar

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided financial assistance to the farmers in hilly areas for enhancing production of horticulture crops, including ginger;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount allocated by the Government for this purpose during the current financial year, State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has made available the seeds of various horticulture crops including ginger at concessional rates to the farmers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 389 DUE FOR REPLY ON 30TH AUGUST, 2011.

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation provides financial assistance to the farmers in hilly areas of the country for enhancing production of horticulture crops, including ginger under two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for rest of the States. Financial assistance is provided for various production related components including area expansion; production and supply of seed and planting material; development of model nurseries; seed infrastructure for horticulture crops including ginger.

(c): A statement showing the amount allocated by the Government under HMNEH and NHM for this purpose during the current financial year State-wise is Annexed.

(d) & (e): Under the above mentioned two Missions, assistance is provided for production of seed & planting material and seed infrastructure at the rate of 100% for public sector and for private sector 75% under HMNEH and 50% under NHM.