

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of States which covered under the National Horticultural Mission (NHM) in the country;
- (b) the number of proposals received by the Union Government for the financial assistance under NHM for flowers and vegetables cultivation in the various States including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat, State-wise;
- (c) the number of proposals sanctioned by the Union Government and funds allocated to the States under NHM during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) the number of proposals pending with the Government and steps taken/being taken by the Government to clear these proposals at the earliest possible?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (d): The National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is being implemented in eighteen States and three Union Territories of Andaman Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and Puducherry. Eight North Eastern States including Sikkim and three Himalayan States i.e. Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand are covered under another Mission viz. Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH).

NHM envisages holistic development of horticulture sector by adopting an end- to -end approach covering production, post harvest management and marketing. Financial assistance is provided under NHM for cultivation of various horticulture crops including flowers. Assistance is not provided for vegetable cultivation, however, assistance is provided for vegetable seeds production and development of seed infrastructure. State Horticulture Mission of all NHM States including Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh and Gujarat submit the proposal in the form of Annual Action Plan (AAP) for implementation of various activities including cultivation of flowers, vegetable seed production and vegetable seed infrastructure. Funds are provided to States based on the approved AAP. During 2011-12, AAP of all the States and Union Territories have been approved and no proposal is pending with Union Government. State wise details of funds sanctioned during 2011-12 for cultivation of flowers, vegetable seed production and seed infrastructure is given at Annexure-I. Andhra Pradesh has not made provision for these activities in the current year AAP. Year wise and Statewise details of allocation of funds made under NHM during each of the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure-II.