

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3347
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VANILLA PLANT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is taking any steps to secure the use of the vanilla plant in food, so that it may replace synthetic vanilla, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is promoting cultivation of natural vanilla under centrally sponsored schemes namely Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the remaining States of the country for enhancing production and productivity of horticulture crops including spices. Under these missions assistance is provided @ Rs.30000/ha. under HMNEH and Rs.20000/ha under NHM with the maximum limit of 4 ha. per beneficiary for expenditure on planting material and cost of material for integrated Nutrient Management/Integrated Pest Management for enhancing production and productivity of spices including vanilla.