

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF MUSHROOM CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to promote mushroom cultivation as an innovative component in the country including Punjab;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to encourage farmers take up cultivation of mushrooms, as an additional source of income?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): Yes, Madam. The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz.,
- (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and
 - (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States and Union Territories including Punjab for the holistic development of horticulture crops including mushroom. The major components for promotion of mushroom cultivation are integrated mushroom unit for composting and spawn production, spawn making unit, compost making unit and training. The detail of assistance thereof is Annexed. Besides this, the National Horticulture Board under their scheme `Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management of Horticulture Crops` also provides assistance @ 20% of total project cost limited to Rs. 25 lakhs per project in general areas and Rs.30 lakhs in North East, hilly and scheduled areas for promotion of mushroom.