

**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 Union Government has received proposals from the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for sanctioning of various Schemes under the National Horticulture Mission in all the districts and blocks for horticultural development;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the proposal is likely to be approved?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Government of Uttar Pradesh has submitted proposal for inclusion of all 71 districts under National Horticulture Mission. The 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, 45 districts of Uttar Pradesh have been covered under NHM.

The General Council of NHM has decided to avoid thinning down distribution of resources and to consolidate implementation of National Horticulture Mission

(NHM) programme rather than to expand it. However, setting up of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing can also be taken up in the non NHM districts provided there is a clear linkage of proposed infrastructure with the horticulture produce. Non-NHM districts can avail assistance for horticulture development from schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme etc. State Government of Uttar Pradesh has been informed accordingly.