

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether any national level schemes have been chalked out by the Government to promote cultivation of banana crops and to provide export and marketing facilities;
- (b) if so the details thereof;
- (c) whether any co-ordination mechanism exists between the agriculture departments of the Union and the State Governments for the monitoring of these schemes;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the number of farmers being benefitted under these schemes during the last three years, State-wise;
- (f) whether the Government has received complaints to the effect that the amount provided under the schemes does not percolate down to the farmers; and
- (g) if so, the efforts made by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The Government is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEHS) and National Horticulture Board (NHB) and Coconut Development Board (CDB) schemes in Central Sector for the holistic development of horticulture sector by ensuring an end-to-end approach covering production, post harvest management and marketing. Under NHM, HMNEH and NHB schemes inter-alia, assistance is being provided for cultivation of various horticultural crops including banana. NHM and HMNEH provide assistance for setting up of market infrastructure like rural markets, wholesale markets and terminal markets. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) in

the Ministry of Commerce is extending assistance through its schemes for facilitating export of horticulture commodities including banana.

(c) & (d): NHM and HMNEH schemes are being implemented through the Departments of Horticulture & Agriculture of the State Governments. The schemes are monitored regularly at the National level by General Council of NHM, Executive Committee (EC) of NHM and Steering Committee of HMNEH. Periodical meetings are organized to review the progress of implementation of schemes. At the State level, State Level Executive Committee (SLEC) monitors the schemes. Besides, Joint inspection Team (JIT) comprising of member from Government of India, State Government and State Agricultural Universities, Precision Farming Development Centres also make periodic visits to the State and beneficiaries field for monitoring the schemes.

(e): The number of farmers benefitted under the scheme is not compiled in these schemes.

(f) & (g): No, Madam.