

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION
Patle Kamla Devi

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has recently reviewed the working of the National Horticulture Mission;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the funds earmarked for the mission in the current Five Year Plan?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The General Council (GC) of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) under the Chairmanship of Agriculture Minister reviewed the NHM in its meeting held on 8th February 2011. The Executive Committee (EC) of NHM reviewed the scheme in its meeting held on 3rd May, 2011, After review of the scheme by GC, the area limit of Green House and Shade Net House was increased from 1000 sqm to 4000 sqm per beneficiary alongwith assistance for planting material and inputs as per the size of Green House and Shade Net House limited to 4000 sqm per beneficiary. GC also advised for convergence of NHM with the schemes of other Ministries/Departments and giving more focus towards the development of cold chain and multi-modal transport system for fruits and vegetables. The EC emphasized for implementation of NHM by adopting cluster approach with end-to-end approach and accreditation of nurseries set up under NHM to ensure availability of quality planting material and extending credit facility to farmers for horticulture crops.

(c): An outlay of Rs.8809.00 crore has been earmarked for the NHM scheme during the 11th Five Year Plan.