

**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 Government is considering to cover some more districts of various States including Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the time by which the remaining districts are likely to be covered under the scheme;
- (d) whether the Government also has a proposal to allocate more financial assistance to the States under NHM; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. All the States, including Odisha, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat have been advised to take up only project based activities on post harvest management and marketing as well as protected cultivation in all the districts under National Horticulture Mission (NHM).
- (c) : Inclusion of districts for taking up production related activities is governed by the potential for development, available infrastructure for marketing and availability of financial resources to avoid its thin distribution.
- (d) & (e): Allocation of funds are made to the States depending upon their capability to spend, expenditure incurred and furnishing of audited utilization certificate for the funds released during the previous years.