

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF FLORICULTURE AND HERBAL FARMING

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government promotes and popularises floriculture and herbal farming in the country including Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the funds allocated during 2009-10, 2010-11 and 2011-12, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to promote floriculture and herbal farming in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

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

- (a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Floriculture and Aromatic plants are being promoted by the Government under the schemes of
- (i) National Horticulture Mission (NHM), covering 18 States and 3 UTs,
 - (ii) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) covering all the States in the North Eastern region and Himalayan region of the country and
 - (iii) National Horticulture Board (NHB) in the Ministry of Agriculture. Cultivation of Medicinal Plants are being promoted by the National Medicinal Plants Board (NMPB), Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under the Scheme on National Mission on Medicinal Plants (NMMP)
- Statewise details of funds released during the period 2009-10 to 2011-12 in respect of floriculture, Aromatic and Medicinal Plants are given in the statements attached at Annexure-I, Annexure-II, Annexure-III and Annexure-IV in respect of NHM, HMNEH, NHB and NMMP schemes respectively.