

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:7404  
ANSWERED ON:22.05.2012  
COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF GM VEGETABLES  
Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether some States are opposing the commercial production of the genetically modified vegetables;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the present status of such vegetable production in the country; and
- (d) the action plan prepared/proposed in this regard in coordination with the State Governments?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): The Department of Agriculture & cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and (ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States and Union Territories for the holistic development of horticulture sector including vegetables. Under these schemes, there is no provision for commercial production of the Genetically Modified vegetables.