

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE

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

(a) the percentage of horticultural land in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Union Government has launched any schemes for promoting horticulture in various States including the North-Eastern States;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(d) whether financial and other assistance have been provided by the Union Government for sprinkler irrigation facility, marketing facility, setting up of cold storages, access to latest research in horticulture and provision of subsidy to the farmers for taking up horticulture; and

(e) if so, the funds allocated by the Union Government to each State during the last three years and the current year, Statewise?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per information available, a statement on state-wise percentage of land under horticulture is enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c): In order to promote horticulture, the Government has launched two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States(HMNEH) and one Central Sector Scheme namely National Horticulture Board (NHB). NHM is being implemented in 380 districts of 18 States and 3 Union Territories of Puducherry, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep. HMNEH is being implemented in 8 States of North East and Himalayan States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand. The mission's objectives are to provide holistic growth of horticulture sector through area based regionally differentiated cluster approach. The interventions under the schemes are from production to post harvest management and marketing of horticulture crops. NHB aims at development of hi-tech commercial horticulture and modern post harvest management infrastructure etc. Details are also available on NHM website [www.nhm.nic.in](http://www.nhm.nic.in), HMNEH's website [www.tnnehs.gov.in](http://www.tnnehs.gov.in) and NHB's website [www.nhb.gov.in](http://www.nhb.gov.in).

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. For sprinkler irrigation assistance is provided through the National Mission on Micro Irrigation (NMMI) scheme. For market infrastructure, cold storages technology demonstration and dissemination, assistance is available from HMNEH and NHM. NHB schemes also provide credit-linked back-ended subsidy for cold storages. State-wise statement showing funds allocated during last three years and current year under NHM, HMNEH, NHB and NMMI are enclosed at Annexure-II, III and IV respectively. The schemes of NHB are demand-driven and there is no state-wise budgetary allocation.