

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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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 implementing the National Horticulture Mission for holistic development of horticulture produce like vegetables and fruits in various States including Maharashtra, Jharkhand of the country;
- (b) if so, the major activities undertaken under the scheme, State-wise;
- (c) the details of areas in the country where vegetable and fruits farming is undertaken;
- (d) the targets fixed and achieved under this mission during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (e) the funds allocated and released to various States under the mission during the said period, State-wise?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "National Horticulture Mission" (NHM) in the Country from 2005-06, for holistic development of horticulture crops. Eighteen States including Maharashtra and Jharkhand and three Union Territories are covered under the Mission. Horticulture crops such as fruits, spices, flowers, medicinal and aromatic plants, plantation crops of Cashew and Cocoa are included for area expansion, under NHM. Seed production, protected cultivation, Integrated Nutrient Management/ Integrated Pest Management (INM/IPM) and organic farming for vegetables are undertaken in the scheme.

Besides increasing area, supply of quality seeds and planting material, rejuvenation of senile orchards, creation of water resources, capacity building of farmers through training and demonstrations are some of the other productivity improvement programmes under NHM. The activities being promoted for reducing post harvest losses of horticulture produce include setting up of pack houses/on farm collection / Storage unit, Static/ mobile pre-cooling unit, cold storages, C A / M A storages, refrigerated vans, primary/mobile processing units along with establishment of market infrastructure i.e. Terminal, Wholesale, Rural Markets/Apani Mandies/ Retail markets/outlets.

(c): State wise area under fruits and vegetables is placed at Annexure-I.

(d) Details of targets fixed and achievement made for the major activities under NHM during 2009-12 and targets for 2012-13 are given in the statement at Annexure-II.

(e): Statement indicating funds allocated and released to various States during 2009-13 is placed at Annexure-III.