

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PLANTING OF BANANAS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that high density planting increases banana yield;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Government/Krishi Vigyan Kendras to educate the farmers about high density planting of bananas?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): High density planting increases banana yield. By adopting high density planting, an increase in yield up to 50% has been recorded by Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation extends financial assistance under Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for conducting training programmes, seminars, exhibitions, workshops, awareness campaigns, field demonstrations, etc., to educate the farmers about high density planting of bananas for its commercial adoption. Besides, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), State Agricultural Universities and Krishi Vigyan Kendras conduct trainings and technology demonstration to educate farmers and horticulture department officials about the benefits of high density planting of bananas.