

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:266  
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BETEL LEAF GROWERS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is aware that betel leaf growers are living in a poor condition in various States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether any financial assistance has been provided by the Government to these betel leaf growers during the last three years and the current year; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b) The Government has not received any report about poor condition of betel leaf growers from any State Government.
- (c) & (d) No financial assistance has been provided by the Government under National Horticulture Mission exclusively for betel leaf growers during the last three years. However, Government of Bihar has provided financial assistance of Rs.591.41 lakh during 2009-13 and Government of Uttar Pradesh has earmarked Rs.100.00 lakh during 2012-13 for providing financial support to the betel leaf growers in the State.