

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LAND UNDER PLANTATION OF FRUIT AND FODDER
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total hectares of land brought under plantation of fruit, fodder and biofuel crops in West Bengal;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to bring additional hectares of land under the said plantation;
- (c) if so, whether the above programme was proposed under compact area plantation programme; and
- (d) if so, the details and the steps taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a) : As per Land Use Statistics Data for 2009-10, an area of 2,20,000 hectare (ha.) and 3,000 ha. is under fruit and fodder crops, respectively in West Bengal. Besides an area of 100 ha. has been brought under Jatropha, a source of bio-fuel in the State.
- (b) to (d): Additional area under fruits is being brought under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM). NHM adopts a cluster approach for developing horticulture crops having potential for development. Similarly additional area under fodder crops is being brought under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Fodder and Feed Development. There is no proposal to bring more land under Jatropha plantation.