

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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USE OF VANILLA PLANT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is taking any steps to secure the use of vanilla plant in food, so that it may replace synthetic vanilla; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States and National Horticulture Mission in the remaining States of the country for overall development of horticulture including vanilla. Under these missions, assistance is provided for establishment of nurseries, area expansion, integrated nutrient & pest management, mechanization, Human Resource Development, etc.