

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:723  
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LOTUS CULTIVATION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide any special assistance for lotus cultivation in the country;
- (b) if so, whether the Government has received any requests from States in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the other measures taken by the Government for the promotion of lotus cultivation in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): No, Madam.

(d): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States for promotion of horticulture crops like fruits, vegetables, spices, flowers, plantation crops, etc. Under these missions, assistance is provided for establishment of nurseries, area expansion, integrated nutrient and pest management mechanization, Human Resource Development, etc.