

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FLOWER CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land under flower cultivation in various States of the country annually, State-wise;
- (b) whether the area of land under flower cultivation is decreasing every year;
- (c) if so, the schemes prepared/proposed to be launched by the Government to encourage the cultivation of flowers in hilly areas of various States including Uttarakhand; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to provide better marketing facility to these farmers?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): The total area of land under flower cultivation in various States of the country during 2011-12 & 2012-13 is annexed.

Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States for holistic development of horticulture including floriculture in the country including Uttarakhand. The efforts under the above mentioned schemes are supplemented by funds provided under National Horticulture Board and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

Under the missions, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture development such as production of quality planting material, area coverage through high yielding varieties, establishment of model floriculture centres, creation of water resources, protected cultivation, organic farming, promotion of integrated nutrient / pest management, pollination support through bee keeping, mechanization, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development, setting up of cold storages and creation of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure.