

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PROMOTION OF HORTICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the decline in cultivable area under vegetables in the country leading to increase in the prices of vegetables;
- (b) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch new schemes to increase the production of vegetables under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in various parts of the country, especially in Hilly areas;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to take up cultivation of horticultural crops?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the holistic development of horticulture in the country. State-wise area and production of vegetables during 2011-12 & 2012-13 is Annexed.

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