

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to modernise the methods of production of vegetables with lesser cost in view of shortage of vegetables and high cost in hilly areas;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government plans to bring such production activities under Agro Industries to take up production on a large scale in all the hilly areas; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): During 2001-02, Department of Agriculture & Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture launched "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States (TMNE)" for holistic development of horticulture including vegetables. The mission was further extended to three Himalayan States of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand in 2003-04 and renamed as "Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH)". The production of vegetables has increased in the North Eastern and Himalayan States from 6.2 million tones during 2001-02 to 9.4 million tones during 2012-13.

Under the mission, 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, creation of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure. Assistance is also provided for setting up, upgradation and modernization of processing units in the states of Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.