

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1926

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FUND TO KARNATAKA UNDER NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether instances of misuse of funds allocated under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) have been received; and

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the action taken by the Union Government against the guilty?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The State Government of Karnataka has informed Government of India that it had received a complaint about the misuse of funds under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in Bellary district during June 2009.

Detailed field inspection and document verification was conducted by the State Horticulture Mission (SHM) during June 2009 and the report was submitted to the State Government.

As NHM is implemented by concerned State through SHM, the State Government of Karnataka has taken immediate action and the concerned officers have been placed under suspension. In addition, a criminal case against guilty officials has been booked in July 2009 and is under investigation.