

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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HORTICULTURAL LAND  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of land under horticulture sector during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the details of production and productivity in the horticulture sector during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government have conducted any study in the agriculture sector to ensure processing of fruits and vegetables;
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to generate employment in this sector; and
- (e) the details of progress achieved in this regard?

**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): A State wise statement showing area, production and productivity of horticulture crops during the last three years and the current year is placed at Annexure.
- (c): Several surveys/studies have been conducted from time to time by various organizations on processing of fruits and vegetables.
- (d) & (e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the remaining states of the country for the holistic development of horticulture. An additional area of 16.5 lakh ha has been covered under horticultural crops under these schemes thereby generating employment in this sector.