

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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SCHEME FOR TURMERIC AND BANANA GROWERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has introduced a new scheme for the welfare of Banana and Turmeric growers in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken in this regard, State-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has announced special package for providing subsidy for the said activities in the country including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

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 Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the remaining states of the country for the holistic development of horticulture. Under these schemes, assistance is provided for various components aimed at increasing production and productivity alongwith post harvest management and marketing of horticultural crops including Banana and Turmeric. Under the scheme, assistance is being provided for cultivation of spices including turmeric @ 75% of cost subject to Rs. 11,250/ha limited to 4ha per beneficiary. Similarly, for cultivation of banana assistance is being provided @ 50% of cost subject to Rs. 15,000/ ha limited to 4ha per beneficiary in three installments.

(c) & (d): The Government has not announced any special package for providing subsidy to banana and turmeric in the country including Uttar Pradesh.