

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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APPLE PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has any scheme for the promotion and improvement of apple production/ productivity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the fund allocated/released for this purpose during each of the last three years and the current year?

**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): Yes, Madam. The Government of India has been implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme viz., Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, J&K and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) to harness the potential of horticulture of the region by increasing production and productivity of horticultural crops including apples. Under this scheme, assistance is being provided for an area expansion, establishment of nurseries for raising quality planting material, protected cultivation, rejuvenation of senile orchards, integrated nutrient and integrated water management, pest management, creation of water sources, etc.

The major apple growing states are Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland.

Funds allocated/released during the last three years and the current year is annexed.