

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ASSISTANCE FOR HORTICULTURE

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has integrated all Horticulture Programme into "Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture" (MIDH);
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the extent to which the farmers are likely to be benefited by the scheme;
- (c) the details of the assistance provided to the farmers to utilize modern equipment and machinery as per international standards to produce horticulture products;
- (d) the details of the funds allocated by the Government and the funds utilized by various States for horticulture during the last three years and the current year, Statewise;
- (e) whether the Government has sanctioned Rs.863 crore to the Horticulture Department and allocated separate funds under the NHM; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been approved for implementation during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. Mission subsumes National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Bamboo Mission (NBM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland. While Government of India (GOI) contributes 85% of total outlay for developmental programmes in all the States except the States in North East and Himalayas, 15% share is contributed by State Governments. In case of North Eastern and Himalayan States including Sikkim, GOI's contribution is 100%. Similarly, for development of bamboo and programmes of National Horticulture Board, Coconut Development Board (CDB), Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland and the National Level Agencies (NLAs), GOI's contribution is 100%.

Under MIDH, assistance is provided to farmers for various items including modern equipments and machinery at the rates ranging from 25% to 50% of the cost.

(d) to (f): Details of the funds allocated and utilized by various States and Union Territories under MIDH including NHM during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure- I, II and III.