

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION OF FUNDS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Agricultural Ministry has sanctioned annual grants to voluntary organisations engaged in the implementation schemes of the area which falls within the jurisdiction of his Ministry;
- (b) if so, the names of each such schemes, the grants budgeted for, actually disbursed and the number of beneficiary organisation in respect of each scheme in the financial year 2014-15;
- (c) whether the above scheme and organisations are likely to continue in 2015-16; and
- (d) if not, the names of such schemes which are likely to be discontinued and new ones likely to be added during 2015-16?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Ministry of Agriculture (Department of Agriculture and Cooperation) has sanctioned/released funds to voluntary organizations for development of Horticulture during the financial year 2014-15, as indicated below:-

(i) Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) component of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), funds amounting to Rs.11.74 crore have been released to National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF), an NGO which is declared as national level agency for monitoring programmes relating to development of vegetables and vegetable seeds.

(ii) The Coconut Development Board has released funds amounting to Rs.1.67 crore to 33 voluntary organizations in coconut growing States for implementing skill development training on coconut palm climbing and plant protection.

(iii) National Horticulture Board has sanctioned Rs.78,000/- to two Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) for visit of progressive farmers and for technology awareness programme.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.