

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Cultivation of Potato
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantum of potato in tonnes bought by Jharkhand from other States;
- (b) whether the Government is considering to implement any special incentive scheme to encourage cultivation of potato in the country including Jharkhand; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): As per the information received from State Horticulture Mission Jharkhand, the state does not purchase potato from other States.

(b) & (c): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in all the States and UTs, for holistic development of horticulture sector. The Mission subsumes six ongoing schemes, viz. National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan states (HMNEH), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB), National Bamboo Mission (NBM) and Central Institute of Horticulture(CIH), Nagaland.

The Mission envisages production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables through various interventions. Activities such as production of planting material, vegetable seeds production, coverage of area with improved cultivars, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, including insitu generation of organic inputs. Capacity buildings of farmers and technologies are also an integral part of MIDH for adopting improved technologies. The Scheme also envisages creation of infrastructure for post harvest management (like pack houses, cold storage units, pre-cooling units and refrigerated vans) and marketing for better price realization of produce.

Under MIDH, funds to the tune of Rs.2153.83 lakh have been released during 2014-15 for area coverage of hybrid vegetables including potato. Since its inception in 2005-06, an amount of Rs.734.24 crores have been sanction under NHM for creation of cold storages, which includes assistance of Rs.4.43 crore to Jharkhand state.
