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National Horticulture Mission
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress achieved in horticulture development in the country under the National Horticulture Mission including its contribution for horticulture development in Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether any cashew re-plantation projects were taken up in Tamil Nadu under the National Horticulture Mission in those places which were affected by the Thane cyclone, if so, the details of those projects;
- (c) whether the Cauvery delta region will be given special attention for development of horticulture under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH); and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): Horticulture production in the country increased from 183 million tonnes in 2005-06 to 277 million tonnes in 2013-14, out of which production reported in Tamil Nadu is 21.97 million tonnes.

National Horticulture Mission(NHM) sub scheme under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), is being implemented in Tamil Nadu from 2005-06 onwards for the holistic development of horticulture in the state, with an outlay of Rs.762.07 crores covering an area of 2.40 lakhs ha up to 2014-15. The interventions include area expansion, rejuvenation, organic farming, pollination support, promotion of INM/IPM, farm mechanization, HRD, marketing infrastructure, post harvest management, protected cultivation and establishment of Centres of Excellence. Promotion of tissue culture banana, Hi-density planting etc as an end to end approach including Project based activities are also undertaken under the Mission.

Tamil Nadu is the largest producer of banana in the country with a production of 5.65 million tonnes.
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(b): Cashew Re-plantation was undertaken under the Cyclone Thane Relief programme in Tamil Nadu covering an area of 7428 ha in Villupuram and Cuddalore districts, with assistance of Rs.1089.063 lakhs from the National Horticulture Mission.

In addition, an area of 2724 ha was covered under rejuvenation of cashew plantation during 2012-13 to 2014-15 by Directorate of Cashew and Cocoa Development (DCCD) with a budget outlay of Rs. 505.80 lakhs in the Thane cyclone affected areas.

(c): Yes, Madam. National Horticulture Mission sub scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in 5 districts of the Cauvery delta region viz., Thanjavur, Trichy, Ariyalur, Cuddalore, and Pudukottai districts. It is envisaged that states may also undertake creation of post harvest and marketing infrastructure in non-NHM districts. As such, States have been advised to utilize funds from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for interventions including area expansion, protected cultivation etc. in non-NHM districts.

(d): National Horticulture Mission was implemented with a total outlay of Rs.12.96 crores and Rs.12.34 crores in 2013-14 and 2014-15 respectively, while in 2015-16 an outlay of Rs.17.84 crores is envisaged as per the Annual Action Plan for the NHM districts of Cauvery delta region.
