

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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Assistance for Fruit Crop and Floriculture
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the percentage of subsidy on the total investment given to the farmers for fruit crop and floriculture;
- (b) the details of maximum subsidy amount that can be availed by a farmer;
- (c) whether the subsidy is given to the farmers in installment, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there is any plan with the Government to increase assistance for area expansion programme taken up under the National Horticulture Mission, if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented during XII Plan, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 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.

Under MIDH, subsidy is provided @ 40% of cost to farmers for establishment of new gardens of fruit crops. In case of NE and Himalayan States, TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Island, the assistance is 50% of cost. In case of area coverage of flowers, the subsidy is provided @40% of cost of small & marginal farmers, 25% of cost to other category of farmers in general areas and 50% of cost in NE and Himalayan States TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar & Lakshadweep Islands.

(b): Under MIDH, for area expansion farmer can avail maximum subsidy of Rs.2.20 lakh/ha for general areas whereas, Rs.2.75 lakh/ha for NE and Himalayan States, TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

Under floriculture, for area expansion farmer can avail maximum subsidy of Rs.60,000/ha for general areas whereas, Rs.75,000/ha. for NE and Himalayan States, TSP areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

(c): Under MIDH, subsidy is provided in one (1), two (2) or three (3) installments depending upon the types of fruit crops.

(d): At present, there is no proposal to increase assistance for area expansion under National Horticulture Mission (NHM)/Horticulture Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (HMNEH) sub schemes of MIDH.
