

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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1556. MAJ GEN B C KHANDURI AVSM (Retd):

Khanduri AVSM Maj. Gen. (Retd) Bhuwan Chandra

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to lay more emphasis on development of horticulture and agriculture in the hilly States, including Uttarakhand; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

श्री मोहनभाई कुन्दरिया (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15 for the holistic development of horticulture sector in the country covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo through various interventions. All States including Himalayan states and Union Territories (UTs) are covered under MIDH Mission subsumes National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Agro-forestry Bamboo Mission (NABM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland.

Under MIDH, higher rates of subsidy have been envisaged for taking up activities like creation of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing of horticulture produce along with area expansion by beneficiaries in Himalayan States (including Uttarakhand).

Besides MIDH, other schemes viz. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Micro Irrigation component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) and Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) etc. are under operation for development of horticulture and agriculture in the country.
