GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1565 ANSWERED ON:02.12.2014 NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION Bhamre Dr. Subhash Ramrao;Galla Shri Jayadev;Godse Shri Hemant Tukaram;Laguri Smt. Sakuntala

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Horticulture Mission is being implemented by the Government in various States of the country including Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Odisha;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the number of districts in various States which are included under the Mission and the number of farmers benefited under the Mission, State-wise;

(d) the details of the funds allocated by the Government to various States during the last three years and the current year, under the Mission, State-wise; and

(e) the details of the marketing opportunities provided by the Government to the horticulture farmers under the Mission?

Answer

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

(a) to (c):National Horticulture Mission (NHM) has been subsumed under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), which is being implemented in all States/ UTs of the country. A total of three hundred and eighty four (384) districts are covered in 23 States/UTs under the National Horticulture Mission.

State-wise number of districts covered under NHM is at Annexure-I. State Horticulture Missions provide assistance to the concerned beneficiaries/farmers, hence no such information is maintained centrally.

(d): A statement indicating state wise and year wise funds allocated under NHM for the last three years and current year is given at Annexure -II.

(e): For creation of market infrastructure, assistance is available to individuals, group of farmers/growers/consumers, Partnership/Proprietary firms, Self Help Groups (SHGs), Farmers Producer Organizations (FPOs), Companies, Corporations, Cooperatives, Cooperative Marketing Federations, Local Bodies, APMCs & Marketing Boards and State Governments. Assistance under the scheme is provided as credit linked back ended subsidy for setting up terminal markets, wholesale markets, rural markets/apni mandies and retail markets. Assistance is also provided for setting up static/mobile vending carts/platforms with cool chamber. Assistance is also extended for setting up functional infrastructure for collection, sorting/grading, packing etc. During the last three years 561 market infrastructures have been set up under NHM.