

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3830
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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has received any proposal from the State Government of Rajasthan for inclusion of nine districts under the National Horticulture Mission;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which the districts are likely to be incorporated under the Mission?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. State Government of Rajasthan has requested the inclusion of additional nine districts in Rajasthan, under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM), vide letters dated 23.12.2013 and 14.07.2014.

(c): The National Horticulture Mission has been subsumed under the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). NHM envisages a cluster approach for development of horticultural crops, in accordance with their comparative advantage based on agro climatic conditions, potential for development and marketing opportunities. Inclusion of more districts under this programme would lead to diffusion of scarce resources. State has been advised to utilize funds from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for horticulture development in non-NHM districts.