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Title: Need to Review the Guidelines of National Horticultural Board with a view to make them beneficial to small and marginal farmers.

SHRI C. KUPPUSAMI (MADRAS NORTH): Sir, original guidelines of National Horticultural Board, as approved by the Cabinet, were very helpful and beneficial to small and marginal farmers. However, unnecessary changes were effected without the Cabinet Committee's approval, and are detrimental to the interest of farmers.

Instead of supporting marginal-farmers-friendly-projects, high-cost projects facilitating big industries and corporate houses are being implemented.

Hence, I urge upon the hon. Minister to review the whole policy and bring forward farmers-friendly scheme and 20 per cent subsidy as promised by the National Horticultural Board in December, 2002.