

p; Need to provide timely subsidy to the farmers of Krishnagiri district in Tamil Nadu engaged in horticulture

SHRI K. ASHOK KUMAR (KRISHNAGIRI): Krishnagiri district is one of the major districts in producing horticultural crops under polyhouse in India. Our farmers have been cultivating for the past ten years on areas extending upto 75 lakh square meters.

Many horticulture farmers have been benefitted by implementing new technologies like protected cultivation in polyhouse by availing subsidies from the National Horticulture Board.

The farmers constructed their polygreen houses last year. But so far they have not got the subsidy. This leads to heavy burden on the farmers. The banks did not release the term loan due to non-release of the letter of intent from the Board.

Madam, this is a pioneer project in horticulture and will bring Indian agriculture to international standards. Hence, I request the Union Government to release funds to the National Horticulture Board to avoid paying more interest on term loans.