

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 12.11.2010**  
**ANSWERED ON**

**PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF POTATO CROP IN BIHAR .**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) the amount sanctioned for Bihar for implementing Centrally Sponsored programme for promotion and protection of potato crop in last three years including current year; and
- (b) the number of farmers benefited under this Scheme in the State, and the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a):The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the country including Bihar for the holistic development of horticulture. Under NHM, assistance is not provided for cultivation of vegetables including potato in open field conditions. However, assistance is provided for vegetable seed production and development of seed infrastructure under the Public and Private sector.

During last three years including current year, an amount of Rs. 472 lakh has been sanctioned for production of vegetable seed in 1494 ha area under NHM in Bihar. Development of seed infrastructure is a project based activity. So far, no funds have been sanctioned for Development of Seed infrastructure in the State.

(b):During the period, up to September, 2010, 2057 farmers have been benefited in the State under vegetable seed production programme. Vegetable seeds produced include pea, cowpea, brinjal, okra, tomato, carrot, radish etc.