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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4401
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH JANUARY, 2019

NHM IN CHHATTISGARH

4401. SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PAATLE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether eight districts of Chhattisgarh namely Janjgir-Champa, Mahasamund, Dhamtari, Dantewada, Kanker, Bijapur, Narayanpur and Sukma have not been included in the National Horticulture Mission (NHM) even today;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the State Government of Chhattisgarh has requested the Union Government to include the said eight districts in the National Horticulture Mission;
- (d) if so, the action taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) whether inclusion of new districts is likely to put more burden on the limited resources;
- (f) if so, whether it is also true that due to non-inclusion of new districts in the National Horticulture Mission (NHM), the Government is not able to remove disparity in the agriculture and farmers welfare sector; and
- (g) if not, the time by which such districts of the country are likely to be included in the National Horticulture Mission?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) to (g): Yes Madam. State Government of Chhattisgarh has requested the Union Government to include eight districts of Chhattisgarh namely Janjgir-Champa, Mahasamund, Dhamtari, Dantewads, Kanker, Bijapur, Narayanpur and Sukma, in the National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

On the issue of inclusion of more districts under NHM, the view of the Department is that while finalizing/identifying districts for inclusion under NHM, a cluster approach for developing potential horticultural crops for ensuring backward and forwarded linkages was adopted. The selection of the district was decided on the comparative advantage of crops based on agro climatic conditions and potential for developing marketing opportunities. No new districts are being added as this may result in thinning out of already limited resources.

However, there is a provision under NHM scheme for setting up of infrastructure units relating to post harvest management, marketing and other project based activities in non-NHM districts, provided there is a clear linkage of the units with the horticulture produce. Apart from this, activities for development of horticulture in non-NHM districts can be carried out under other Government schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) etc.
