

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO.168**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 01<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST, 2023

**NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION**

\*168. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR BELLANA:  
SHRI MADDILA GURUMOORTHY:

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

- (a) the number of districts in Andhra Pradesh covered under National Horticulture Mission;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the said Mission to rest of the districts too;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that representations have been received from several States for inclusion of more districts under the said Mission; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 168 DUE FOR REPLY ON 01<sup>st</sup> AUGUST, 2023.**

(a): National Horticulture Mission, a sub-scheme of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented by Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare since 2014 for the holistic development of horticulture in the country. All States/UTs are covered under MIDH. Total 11 districts of Andhra Pradesh viz., Nellore, Anantapur, Chittoor, Cuddapah, Guntur, Kurnool, Paderu, Rampachodaram, West Godawari, Prakasham and Srikakulam are covered under NHM.

(b) to (e): For finalizing/identifying districts for inclusion under MIDH, 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.

However, there is a provision under MIDH scheme for setting up of infrastructure units relating to post harvest management, marketing and other project-based activities in non-MIDH districts, provided there is a clear linkage of the units with the horticulture produce. Apart from this, activities for development of horticulture in non-MIDH 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.

Since launch of MIDH scheme in 2014-15, several representations have been received from different States for inclusion of more districts under the said Mission. However, no decision has been taken to include more districts under MIDH.

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