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TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH MARCH, 2016

HORTICULTURE IN DROUGHT AFFECTED AREAS

1620. SHRI B.V. NAIK:

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

- (a) whether horticulture can be a better alternative for increasing the income of farmers in the backward and drought affected areas of the country and if so, the details thereof; and
- (b) the details of schemes being run by the Government to promote horticulture in the backward and drought affected areas of the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

(a) & (b): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented in all States and Union Territories in the country for development of horticulture crops covering fruits, spices, vegetables, flowers, aromatic plants, plantation crops of coconut cashew and cocoa, besides mushroom and honey Mission envisages production and productivity enhancement of horticulture crops by adopting a cluster approach with backward and forward linkages.

Depending upon the potential for development horticulture crops are taken up in backward and drought prone areas in the country.

The Mission subsumes six ongoing schemes viz. National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Agro Forestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH) Nagaland, details of which are annexed.

Brief regarding Sub-schemes under MIDH

- Coconut Development Board (CDB) was constituted in 1981 by Act of Parliament for the development of coconut in the country. CDB has been implementing various programmes, including Technology Mission on Coconut for production and processing of coconut.
- National Horticulture Board (NHB) was constituted in 1984 as registered society for the development of commercial horticulture.
- Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH) was launched as Technology Mission for Horticulture Development in North Eastern States (TMNE) in 2001-02 for holistic development of horticulture in North Eastern states and was extended to Himalayan states in 2003-04.
- National Horticulture Mission (NHM) was launched in 2005-06 for holistic development of horticulture in all states except states covered in NE and Himalayas.
- National Bamboo Mission (NBM) was launched in 2006-07 for horticulture development of bamboo in the country, which has been converted to National Agro Forestry & Bamboo Mission (NABM) with effect from 06.07.2015 of which Bamboo is an integral part.
- Central Institute for Horticulture was launched in 2006-07 for dissemination of technology, capacity building of farmers and field functions and development of planting material.
