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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2724
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH MAY, 2016

NATIONAL HORTICULTURE MISSION

2724. SHRI GOPAL SHETTY:

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

- (a) whether the public representatives of Maharashtra has held any discussion with the Government on 16th February, 2015 about National Horticulture Mission (NHM);
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the outcome thereof; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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): A meeting was held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister, Maharashtra with the Members of Parliament on 16.02.2015 at Mumbai to discuss various issues including those related to Agriculture. Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare also attended the meeting. In the minutes of Meeting received from State Government, there is no specific mention of National Horticulture Mission (NHM). However, the following two issues were discussed which relate to NHM.

- (i) Opening of Pomegranate Research Centre of KVK at Dhuley District; and
 - (ii) Under the Chairmanship of Collector, a Committee should be formed in which development of Agriculture Schemes related to Fishery & Horticulture should be planned so that the Schemes should be taken up to the farmers.
- (c): In regard to (i) above, a National Research Centre for Pomegranate has already been working in Sholapur (Maharashtra) which addresses problems of National interest.

In regard to (ii) above, under the Chairmanship of Collector a committee is already in existence called as Zillha Abhiyan Samiti (District NHM Committee) from the year 2005-06 for planning & reviewing National Horticulture Mission. NHM schemes/components have been taken up to the farmers by this committee.