GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 657

TO BE ANSWERED ON 24/07/2026

SUBSIDY PROVIDED TO FARMERS BY NHB

657. SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes being run/administered to provide subsidy to farmers by National Horticulture Board (NHB), along with the details of budget allocated, released and utilized for the same since 2023-24 till date, scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the details of subsidies provided to farmers since 2023-24 till date, scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise; and

(c) the number of farmers benefited from the above schemes since 2023-24 till date, scheme-wise, year-wise and State-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR)

(a) : The National Horticulture Board, under Ministry of Agriculture & farmers Welfare Board is implementing the undermentioned schemes:-

1. Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management of Horticulture Crops – It is an alternative to increase the income of farmers in which the financial support in the form of back-ended subsidy is provided for setting up units relating to horticulture sector such as production related projects, PHM viz. Pack House, Ripening Chamber, Refer Van, Retail Outlets, Pre-cooling units, Primary processing etc. The brief of the scheme is as under:-

1.1 **Open Field Cultivation**- Credit linked back ended capital subsidy@40% as per prescribed crops specific cost norms and eligible project cost up to a maximum of Rs.40.00 lakhs in general areas and Rs. 50.00 lakhs in NER, Himalayan States, Scheduled areas and Rs. 50.00 lakhs in NER, Himalayan States, Scheduled areas and UTs of A&N Islands, Lakshadweep Islands, J&K and Ladakh for development of commercial horticulture in open field in a project mode. For large scale projects covering area over 20 hac. for crops like Apple, Walnut, Almond, cashewnut, Kiwi and Date Palm, quantum of eligible assistance is up to Rs. 80.00 lakhs in general

area and up to Rs. 1.00 crore in NER, Himalayan States, Scheduled areas and UTs of A&N Islands, Lakshadweep Islands, J&K and Ladakh, as per prescribed cost norms for each of the crops.

1.2 **Protected Cultivation**– For integrated commercial horticulture production/processing projects including components viz. planting materials, plantation, irrigation, fertigation, mechanization etc. for projects having area over 4000 sqm in protected cultivation, the credit linked back ended subsidy @50% of the total project cost limited to RS. 1.00 crore per project is provided as per admissible cost norms under MIDH.

1.3 **Post-Harvest Management**- For Integrated PHM Projects relating to Pack House, Ripening Chamber, Refer Van, Retail Outlets, Pre-cooling units, Primary processing etc. Credit linked back-ended@35% to 50% of the project cost limited is provided as per cost norms under MIDH. There is no state-wise target fixed. The scheme is demand driven and being implemented across the country.

2. Capital Investment Subsidy for Construction/ Expansion/ Modernization of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Products- Under this scheme, credit linked back-ended subsidy @35% of the capital cost of the project in general areas and @50% in case of North East, Hilly States & Scheduled areas for Cold storage capacity above 5000 MT and up to 20000 MT is sanctioned for construction/expansion/ modernization of cold storage and CA store, as per cost norms prescribed for various sizes/types of cold storages/onion storage.

All the above schemes are demand-driven in nature, and subsidies are released for approved projects in accordance with the prescribed norms and guidelines.

The details of budget allocated/released by the Department of Agriculture to National Horticulture Board (NHB) and funds utilized by NHB for the same during year 2023-24, till date at **Annexure -I**

(b) & (c). The details of scheme-wise, year-wise and state-wise subsidies / number of beneficiaries benefited during 2023-24, till date are given at **Annexure-II & III.**

Annexure-I

Details of funds allocated/released by DA&FW to NHB and Funds utilized by NHB

(Rs in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme/Project/ Prorgamme	2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27 till dated	
		Budget Allocated/Released	*Funds Utilized	Budget Allocated/ Released	*Funds Utilized	Budget Allocated/ Released	*Funds Utilized	Budget Allocated/ Released	*Funds Utilized
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	National Horticulture Board	217.25	246.43	*277.02	278.79	341.76	341.74	78.80	48.82

* Fund utilized including unspent balance of previous year

Annexure-II

Details of State-wise and Year-wise NHB Subsidy Released during FY 2023–24 to FY 2026–27 (As on 20.07.2026) under Scheme "Development of Commercial Horticulture through production and Post Harvest Management of Horticulture Crops"

		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27 (as on 20.07.2026)	
S.No.	State Name	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	6	51.69	8	83.029	3	96.315	-	-
2	Assam	1	72.5	1	33.43	-	-	-	-
3	Bihar	-	-	1	21.07	1	15	-	-
4	Chhattisgarh	28	725.36	58	1,554.79	32	969.26	2	88.08
5	Delhi	1	6.65	-	-	1	50.75	-	-
6	Goa	1	50.75	-	-	-	-	-	-
7	Gujarat	20	624.958	10	220.061	11	428.399	-	-
8	Haryana	19	729.34	33	1,185.70	59	1,751.05	5	136.23
9	Himachal Pradesh	1	13.765	6	75.478	1	9.6	-	-
10	Jammu & Kashmir	4	107.715	5	129.46	4	113.5	-	-
11	Jharkhand	1	41.86	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	Karnataka	36	1,192.96	40	872.151	26	1,027.83	4	247.911
13	Kerala	1	8.75	-	-	-	-	-	-
14	Madhya Pradesh	23	537.405	33	697.57	77	1,769.86	6	152.32
15	Maharashtra	196	4,184.61	187	4,780.53	170	4,677.17	9	350.33
16	Odisha	9	142.55	4	37.742	3	71.09	-	-

17	Punjab	2	11.338	3	95.845	4	101	-	-
18	Rajasthan	23	655.497	47	1,276.53	84	2,514.54	-	-
19	Tamil Nadu	11	362.569	33	1,141.22	28	931.31	5	310.355
20	Telangana	8	247.32	10	280.581	2	10.104	-	-
21	Dadra & Nagar Haveli And Daman And Diu	-	-	-	-	1	56	-	-
22	Tripura	-	-	-	-	1	14.1	-	-
23	Uttar Pradesh	27	857.186	20	545.444	20	635.57	-	-
24	Uttrakhand	2	62.58	7	273.617	6	221.797	-	-
25	West Bengal	1	49.67	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	**421**	**10,737.02**	**506**	**13,304.24**	**534**	**15,464.24**	**31**	**1,285.23**

Annexure-III

Details of State-wise and Year-wise NHB Subsidy Released during FY 2023–24 to FY 2026–27 (As on 20.07.2026) under Scheme "Capital Investment for Construction /Expansion/Modernization of Cold Storages of Horticulture Products"									
		2023-24		2024-25		2025-26		2026-27 (as on 20.07.2026)	
S.No.	State Name	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)	No of Farmers /Projects	Subsidy (Rs in Lakh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	15	3375.5	3	488.3	1	12.3	1	204.7
2	Assam	-	-	2	237.9	1	17.5	-	-
3	Bihar	1	172.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	Chhattisgarh	1	158.8	2	174.7	2	259.1	-	-
5	Gujarat	-	-	-	-	4	1242.9	1	183.8
6	Haryana	-	-	1	283.8	1	226.2	-	-
7	Jammu & Kashmir	2	486.7	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	Jharkhand	-	-	1	173.6	-	-	-	-
9	Karnataka	9	1840.8	8	1123.0	14	2300.6	-	-
10	Madhya Pradesh	3	445.6	26	3450.5	31	5099.9	-	-
11	Maharashtra	10	1146.2	17	2511.7	13	1228.1	-	-
12	Punjab	11	1097.1	21	2302.0	30	3650.3	-	-
13	Rajasthan	1	168.4	3	509.9	2	324.2	-	-
14	Telangana	9	2074.7	2	437.9	6	1302.8	-	-
15	Uttar Pradesh	12	1015.6	14	1365.8	16	1913.3	-	-
16	Uttrakhand	1	226.9	-	-	-	-	-	-
17	West Bengal	-	-	-	-	1	12.3	-	-
	Total	**75**	**12209.2**	**100**	**13059.1**	**122**	**17589.4**	**2**	**388.5**

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