

Members of Parliament from the respective areas of each zone.

Horticulture Development in Bihar

1384. SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount allocated for horticulture development to Bihar under the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) what money was released to Government of Bihar; and

(c) what is the physical achievement together with details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) to (b) Against the VIII Plan allocation of Rs. 1360.72 lakhs, a sum of Rs. 256.78 lakhs was released to Government of Bihar upto 1995-96, for implemented various horticulture development schemes.

(b) The following physical achievements have been reported by the State Government:—

SI No.	Name of the Scheme	Item	Nos.
1.	Development of vegetables	Minikits distributed	4250
2.	Development of Spices	» "	4917
3.	-do-	Demonstrations	580

ADHOC Subsidy on Decontrolled Fertilizers

1385. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether resource crunch in the Indian economy has forced Government to turn down the proposal to hike ad hoc subsidy on decontrolled phosphatic fertilizers;

(b) whether the inter Ministry meeting had proposed that ad hoc concessions on indigenous diammonium phosphate be raised to Rs. 2800 per tonne from the existing Rs. 1,000 per tonne to lower farmgate prices to Rs. 8,300 per tonne, at present;

(c) if so, whether Government have agreed to continue the concession scheme of DAP, muriate of potash (MOP) etc; and

(d) if so, by what time Government will be in a position to hike ad hoc subsidy on decontrolled fertilizers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEELAM RAMOLA): (a) to (d) Taking into account the increase in price of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers after decontrol and with a view to increase their consumption by making them available at reasonable prices to the farmers, Government of India has enhanced the rates of concession on sales effective from 6th July, 1996 of these fertilizers as under:

(Rs. per tonne)

Indigenous DAP	3000
Imported DAP	1500
MOP	1500
SSP	500
Indigenous Complexes	1304—2633