

and backward linkages with the active participation of all the stake-holders. All the States and Union Territories were covered under the Mission except the eight North Eastern States including Sikkim and the States of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand which had been covered under the Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEHS).

The promotion of Medicinal Plants was included as one of the component under NHM since 2007-08. Funds were provided for cultivation of Medicinal Plants @ 75% of the total cost subject; to a maximum of Rs. 11,250/- per ha. limited to 4 ha. per beneficiary. In view of implementation of National Mission on Medicinal Plants by NMPB the development of medicinal plants has been excluded from National Horticulture Mission Scheme since 2009-10 Financial Assistance was provided under the scheme as follows:

Year	Amount of assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
2007-08	435.47
2008-09	413.00

Financial assistance to Institute of Paramedical Sciences

1338. DR. T.N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for sanctioning financial assistance for an Institute for Paramedical Sciences attached with medical college, Kozhikode (Calicut);

(b) whether Government is going to accord sanction for the same; and

(c) if so, by when the sanction will be issued?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD):

(a) to (c) The government has decided to establish a National Institute of Paramedical Sciences and eight Regional Institute of Paramedical Sciences (RIPS) at the identified locations in the country. Kozhikode is not one of those locations.

Projects under NRHM in Assam

1339. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the project undertaken under the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) in Assam;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is shortage of doctors and paramedical staff in various District Health Centres in Assam;