

(c) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying & Fisheries does not have any scheme to provide interest subsidy on the loan to purchase cattle. However, the Department has been implementing "Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme (DEDS)" through National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) throughout the country in which back-ended capital subsidy (25% of the project cost for General Category and 33.33% for SC & ST beneficiaries) is provided through eligible financial institutions, subject to the norms of the Scheme. One of the components of DEDS is establishment of small dairy units of 2 to 10 crossbreed cows, indigenous milch cows and graded buffaloes.

Horticulture Mission in Rajasthan

1066. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts covered under the National Horticulture Mission across the country, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (b) whether a proposal has been received from Government of Rajasthan to cover nine districts under the National Horticulture Mission; and
- (c) if so, the decision taken by Central Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) A total of three hundred and eighty four (384) districts are covered in 19 States and 4 UTs under the National Horticulture Mission, while one hundred and thirty seven (137) districts of eight North Eastern and three Himalayan States are covered under the Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH). State-wise number of districts covered under NHM and HMNEH are as per details given in Statement (*See below*).

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Government of Rajasthan has requested for inclusion of nine more districts under NHM in 2013.

The National Horticulture Mission (NHM) envisages a cluster approach for development of horticultural crops, in accordance with their comparative advantage based on agro climatic conditions, potential for development and marketing opportunities. Inclusion of more districts under this programme would lead to diffusion of scarce resources. Establishment of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing

can also be taken up in non NHM districts, provided adequate linkages of the proposed infrastructure with the horticulture produce are clearly established. States have been advised to utilize funds from Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) for horticulture development in Non-NHM districts.

Statement

State-wise Districts covered:-

Sl. No.	Name of State /UT	No. of Districts
I. Under National Horticulture Mission (NHM), 2013-14:		
1	Andaman and Nicobar	Two (2)
2	Andhra Pradesh	Eleven (11)
3	Bihar	Twenty Three (23)
4	Chhattisgarh	Nineteen (19)
5	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	One(l)
6	Delhi	One (1)
7	Goa	Two (2)
8	Gujarat	Fifteen (15)
9	Haryana	Eighteen (18)
10	Jharkhand	Seventeen (17)
11	Karnataka	Thirty (30)
12	Kerala	Fourteen (14)
13	Lakshadweep	One (1)
14	Maharashtra	Thirty Three (33)
15	Madhya Pradesh	Thirty Nine (39)

Sl. No.	Name of State /UT	No. of Districts
16	Odisha	Twenty Four (24)
17	Punjab	Eighteen (18)
18	Puducherry	Four (4)
19	Rajasthan	Twenty Four (24)
20	Tamil Nadu	Twenty (20)
21	Telengana	Nine (9)
22	Uttar Pradesh	Forty Five (45)
23	West Bengal	Fourteen (14)
TOTAL		384

II. Under Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH):

1	Arunachal Pradesh	Sixteen (16)
2	Assam	Twenty Seven (27)
3	Himachal Pradesh	Twelve (12)
4	Jammu and Kashmir	Twenty Two (22)
5	Manipur	Nine (9)
6	Meghalaya	Seven (7)
7	Mizoram	Eight (8)
8	Nagaland	Eleven (11)
9	Sikkim	Four (4)
10	Tripura	Eight (8)
11	Uttarakhand	Thirteen (13)
TOTAL		137