Plantation of Eucalyptus trees under crop diversification

†1371. DR. SANJAY SINH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether as part of crop diversification under actual green revolution in Western Uttar Pradesh, Eucalyptus was included in the Annual Plan 2015-16 without approval of the Department of Agriculture, Cooperation and Farmers Welfare;
 - (b) if so, Government's response thereon;
- (c) the amount spent on the plantation of Eucalyptus and areas where they were planted;

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- (d) whether Government is aware that water table in these areas which are already reeling under severe drought condition, will go down further with planting of Eucalyptus trees; and
- (e) if so, what remedial measures Government would take in this regard, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA): (a) and (b) Annual Action Plan of Crop Diversification in Original Green Revolution States, as a sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana for Western Uttar Pradesh during 2015-16 including Eucalyptus plantation for utilization of unspent balance of previous years was approved by State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC) headed by Chief Secretary, Government of Uttar Pradesh.

- (c) Uttar Pradesh Diversified Agriculture Support Project (UPDASP), Government of Uttar Pradesh has reported to have spent an amount of ₹ 34.433 lakh on plantation of Eucalyptus in the districts of Aligarh, Amroha, Badaun, Bareilly, Bulandsahar, Hapur, Meerut, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Pilibhit, Rampur, Saharanpur, Shahjahanpur and Shamli.
- (d) and (e) Plantation of Eucalyptus under the scheme as alternate crop to water guzzling paddy is for water logged conditions only.

Mission for co-ordinated growth of horticulture

†1372. SHRI MEGHRAJ JAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the salient features of the mission for co-ordinated growth of horticulture, the details of the facilities provided under this scheme;
- (b) whether any specific norms have been fixed in order to include districts/blocks under this mission, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of the total number of districts included under this mission, Statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented *w.e.f.* 2014-15 for the integrated and holistic development of horticulture sector in the country covering fruits, vegetables,

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