

(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, State-wise?

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,

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo through various interventions.

Mission has six component schemes/missions - National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Agro-forestry Bamboo Mission (NABM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland. All States including Himalayan States and Union Territories (UTs) are covered under MIDH.

Under MIDH, financial assistance is provided for following major interventions/activities:

- Setting up of nurseries, tissue culture units for production of quality seed and planting material.
- Area expansion *i.e.* Establishment of new orchards and gardens for fruits, vegetables, and flowers.
- Rejuvenation of unproductive, old, and senile orchards.
- Protected cultivation, *i.e.* poly-house, green-house, etc, to improve the productivity and grow off season high value vegetables and flowers.
- Organic farming and certification.
- Creation of water resources structures and watershed management.
- Bee-keeping for pollination.
- Horticulture Mechanization.
- Creation of Post Harvest Management and Marketing infrastructure.

(b) On this issue consistent view of the department is that while finalizing/identifying districts for inclusion under NHM, a cluster approach for developing potential horticultural crops for ensuring backward and forwarded linkages was adopted. The selection of the district was decided on the comparative advantage of crops based on agro climatic conditions, potential for developing marketing opportunities were taken into consideration. No new districts are being added as this may result in thinning out of already limited resources.

However, there is a provision under NHM scheme for setting up of infrastructure units relating to post harvest management, marketing and other project based activities

in non-NHM districts, provided there is a clear linkage of the units with the horticulture produce. Apart from this, activities for development of horticulture in non-NHM districts can be carried out under other Government schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) etc.

(c) State-wise details of the total number of districts included under this mission is given in the Statement.

Statement

State-wise districts covered under MIDH

Sl. No.	States/UTs	No. of Districts*
1.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	Two (2)
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Eleven (11)
3.	Bihar	Twenty Three (23)
4.	Chhattisgarh	Nineteen (19)
5.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	One (1)
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)
16.	Odisha	Twenty Four (24)
17.	Punjab	Eighteen (18)

Sl. No.	Name of States/UTs	No. of Districts*
18.	Puducherry	Four (4)
19.	Rajasthan	Twenty Four (24)
20.	Tamil Nadu	Twenty (20)
21.	Telangana	Nine (9)
22.	Uttar Pradesh	Forty Five (45)
23.	West Bengal	Fourteen (14)
TOTAL		384

* Subsequent to identification of districts for NHM implementation, some of the NHM districts were bifurcated/merged.

Note: Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH): All the districts of North-Eastern and three Himalayan States namely Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir are covered under HMNEH scheme.

Production of milk

1373. SHRI DEVENDER GOUD T.: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of demand and supply of milk in the country in the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the special emphasis the Ministry is giving to top five-six milk producing States in the country;

(c) to what extent the Rashtriya Gokul Mission is helping in pushing up milk production in the country; and

(d) how India is placed in the milk production in the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI SUDARSHAN BHAGAT): (a) Year-wise details of demand and supply of milk in the country is not available with the Department. However, the State-wise details of milk production in India during last three years is enclosed as Statement (*See below*).

(b) The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries is implementing