

Sl. No.	State/UT	2014-15	2015-16
2.	Sikkim	44.50	33.25
3.	Manipur	44.17	35.75
4.	Uttarakhand	32.73	22.50
5.	Tripura	37.00	32.75
6.	Jammu and Kashmir	45.00	52.00
7.	Nagaland	34.76	17.25
8.	Mizoram	41.00	34.50
9.	Assam	29.09	20.00
10.	Meghalaya	27.60	18.00
11.	Himachal Pradesh	42.42	24.494
TOTAL		402.02	325.9940

**National Horticulture Mission**

1375. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has identified only 22 districts in Tamil Nadu for implementation of the National Horticulture Mission (NHM), if so, the details thereof;

(b) the reasons for not implementing the Mission in the remaining nine districts of the State;

(c) whether Government will come forward to implement the Mission in the remaining 9 districts, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Yes, Sir. List of the districts of Tamil Nadu in which NHM is currently being implemented is given in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) to (d) 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 (RXVY), Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana (PKVY) etc.

**Statement**

*List of district of Tamil Nadu under National Horticulture Mission*

Sl. No.	Name of District	Sl. No.	Name of District
1.	Coimbatore	12.	Vellore
2.	Dharmapuri	13.	Villupuram
3.	Dindigul	14.	Virudhunagar
4.	Kanyakumari	15.	Thanjavur
5.	Krishnagiri	16.	Perambalur
6.	Madurai	17.	Cuddalore
7.	Pudukottai	18.	Erode
8.	Salem	19.	The Nilgiris
9.	Theni	20.	Ramanathapuram
10.	Tiruchirapalli	21.	Tiruppur
11.	Thirunelveli	22.	Ariyalur