

each so as to cover certified area by 2 lakh hectare during the 3 years and as per the guidelines of PKVY organic farming is promoted in such areas like hilly, tribal and also rainfed areas where utilization of chemical fertilizers and pesticide is less and of the total number of farmers in a cluster, a minimum of 65% and marginal farmer should belong to the small categories.

**All India Status:** The Annual Action Plan of 29 States and 1 Union Territory has been approved with total out lay of ₹ 511.67 crore to develop 7186 clusters.

#### **Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region**

Realizing the potential of organic farming in the North Eastern Region of the country, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has launched a Central Sector Scheme entitled “Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region” for implementation in the states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, during 2015-16 to 2017-18. The scheme aims at development of certified organic production in a value chain mode to link growers with consumers and to support the development of entire value chain starting from inputs, seeds, certification, to the creation of facilities for collection, aggregation, processing, marketing and brand building initiative. The scheme was approved with an outlay of ₹ 400 crore for three years.

The assistance is provided for cluster development, on/off farm input production, supply of seeds/ planting materials, setting up of functional infrastructure, establishment of integrated processing unit, refrigerated transportation, pre-cooling/cold stores chamber, branding labeling and packaging, hiring of space, hand holdings, organic certification through third party, mobilization of farmers/processors etc. Under this scheme, areas of 0.50 lakh ha have been targeted to be covered under organic farming in North Eastern Region of the country during 2015-16 to 2017-18.

**Status of Scheme:** An amount of ₹ 158.87 crore was allocated to the North-Eastern States during 2015-16 and during 2016-17 the allocation was made as ₹ 100 crore.

#### **DBT Scheme for agriculture subsidy**

2578. PROF. M.V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total percentage of villages and districts covered under the Direct Benefits Transfer (DBT) Scheme in agriculture subsidy;

(b) whether using DBT in agriculture subsidy has increased agricultural productivity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA): (a) Government has initiated implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in respect of 10 Schemes (both Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes).

The DBT aims to cover identified schemes across the country up to the Block Level for achieving the objectivities of the schemes/programmes.

(b) and (c) DBT is expected to increase the efficiency in delivery of various services and inputs envisaged in schemes covered by DBT.

#### **Implementation of MIDH**

2579. SHRI MAHESH PODDAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the targets and achievements of Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) since last three years;

(b) the details of the States where this scheme has been implemented very well;

(c) if this scheme is not being implemented properly in some States, whether Government is planning to overcome the same; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) For the Integrated and holistic development of horticulture sector in the country, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15. MIDH has six Sub-Schemes 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 the States and UTs are covered under the said mission.

The NHM and HMNEH are being implemented through State Governments on the basis of Annual Action Plan submitted by State Horticulture Mission (SHM). The details of the targets and achievements under MIDH since last three years are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) to (d) Some States such as Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka and Haryana have been performing better than other States. However, all the States under MIDH are endeavouring to achieve the agreed targets in a best possible manner

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\* NABM may not be part of MIDH post 31st March, 2017.