

against the allocated Budget for 2017-18. However, no funds have been disbursed during the current financial year so far. The Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare has recently introduced a new sub-component on "Assistance for Deep Sea Fishing" under the Blue Revolution Scheme. Under this sub-component, financial assistance is being provided for the traditional fishers for procurement of Deep Sea fishing vessels. Financial assistance upto 50% of vessel cost with a ceiling of ₹40 lakh per vessel is being provided to the traditional fishers, their societies/associations/Self Help Groups/Fish Producers Organizations, including the fishermen whose fishing vessels were seized by Sri Lanka.

**National Horticulture Mission in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra**

†686. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH NAGAR:

SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of districts of Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra included under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM);
- (b) the details of the horticulture crops likely to be included under the above Mission and the details of the producer and consumer relationship made applicable, State-wise; and
- (c) whether any infrastructural units for the management of crops, after their harvest, have been set up in the above States under this Mission, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) A total of forty five (45) districts of Uttar Pradesh and all the districts of Maharashtra are included under the National Horticulture Mission (NHM).

(b) All major horticulture crops are covered under the existing guidelines of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). Formation of FPOs/Farmer's group is being promoted in all states in addition to logistics and infrastructural support to promote/establish relationship between producer and consumer.

(c) Under NHM, assistance is also provided for establishment infrastructural units for the management of crops, after their harvest which includes infrastructures

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

relating to cold chain management viz. cold storage units, refrigerated vans/containers, primary processing units, ripening chambers, pre-cooling units etc.

Details of infrastructural units setup under the mission (till date) in Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra are as under:—

Sl. No	Component	Unit	Uttar Pradesh	Maharashtra
1.	Cold storage Units	No.	228	104
2.	Ripening chambers	No.	18	83
3.	Primary processing unit	No.	7	956
4.	Pre-cooling unit	No.	1	11
5.	Refrigerated van	No.	8	8

#### **Agitation by farmers in Madhya Pradesh**

687. SHRI RANJIB BISWAL:

SHRI RITABRATA BANERJEE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government has taken note of the farmers' agitations in the country, particularly in Madhya Pradesh where five farmers have been killed in police firing;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for their agitation;

(c) whether Government has sought any report from the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in this regard, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by State Government against the police officials for killing of farmers and also for mitigating the hardships faced by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The main reasons for agitation are:—

(i) waiver of farm loans,