

1. **Scheme :** National Horticulture Mission(NHM)

2. **Year of Start :** 2005

3. **Brief Write-up:** Government of India has launched **National Horticulture Mission (NHM)** for the holistic development of horticulture sector in all the states with an aim to double the horticulture produce by the year 2011-12. During 10<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan 100% assistance was of GoI and from the 11<sup>th</sup> Five Year Plan the pattern of assistance is 85% GoI and 15% State share. The State of Punjab had received Rs. 28.68 crore for the implementation of the NHM programmes for the year 2005-06 through cluster area approach. **Cluster-1** comprises districts Ferozepur, Mukatsar, Sangrur, Faridkot and Bathinda for the cultivation of Citrus, Grapes, Guava, Pear, Peach, Anola and Ber. **Cluster-II** comprises districts Amritsar, Tarntarn, Gurdaspur, Nawanshahar, S.A.S Nagar and Hoshiarpur for the cultivation of Citrus, Litchi, Guava, Mango, Anola, Peach and Pear. **Cluster-III** comprises district Kapurthala, Patiala, Ludhiana, Jalandhar and Fatehgarh Sahib for the cultivation of Flowers, Spices & Aromatic plants and vegetables seed production. The new technology like green house, net house, low tunneling, mulching, organic farming, cultivation of spices and aromatics plants is available and for this purpose financial assistance is being provided to the farmers. During the year 2007-08, out of the approved Annual Action Plan of Rs 80.63 crore, the GOI released an amount Rs. 24.10 crore and an expenditure of Rs 19.32 crore was incurred under different programmes/activities.

The GOI has approved Annual Action Plan of Rs 91.66 crore for the Year 2008-09. Out of this 14 projects proposals amounting to Rs 5.90 crore been approved.

4. **Financial Achievement:**

(As on 31/07/2008)  
(Rs Cr)

Year	Funds sanctioned as per work plan			Funds Released			Expenditure			Remarks
	CS	SS	Total	CS	SS	Total	CS	SS	Total	
2008-09	77.91	13.74	91.66	-	-	-	-	-	-	Funds awaited.
2007-08	68.54	12.09	80.63	24.10	3.12	27.22	16.42	2.90	19.32	
2006-07	59.74	-	59.74	11.50	-	11.50	18.95	-	18.95	Expenditure had been incurred from the unspent balance of previous year.
2005-06	78.47	-	78.47	28.69	-	28.69	5.39	-	5.39	

Annual Action Plan is approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperation in principle. Then Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) are submitted to the Government of India, which are examined by the Executive Committee of National Horticulture Mission, New Delhi. Funds are released on the basis of approval of projects by the Executive Committee. Less release of funds by GOI during the past three years i.e. 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08 has been due to non approval of some of the project proposals included in the Annual Plan by the Executive Committee of National Horticulture Mission, New Delhi.

**5. Physical Progress:**

District wise achievements for the year 2005-06, 2006-07 & 2007-08 are attached herewith.

**6. Problems faced by the State:**

Less/late release of funds by GoI under NHM.

**7. Suggestions:**

- As per the norm of assistance for Model Nursery it is proposed to provide Rs 18 lac for model nursery of 4 hec. and Rs. 3.00 lac for small nursery of 1 hec. These funds are insufficient to establish the infrastructure for 4 lac and 1 lac plants respectively. There is a need to enhance the amount of assistance.
- The amount of Rs. 2500/- per participant as proposed in the operational guidelines ( Clause 8.28 under HRD in Horticulture) for organizing training and field visits outside the state for a minimum period of 7 days is not sufficient. So it is proposed to increase this amount to Rs. 5000/- per participant.
- The funds may be released immediately after the in-principle approval of the Annual Action Plan against the adhoc/ongoing activities.