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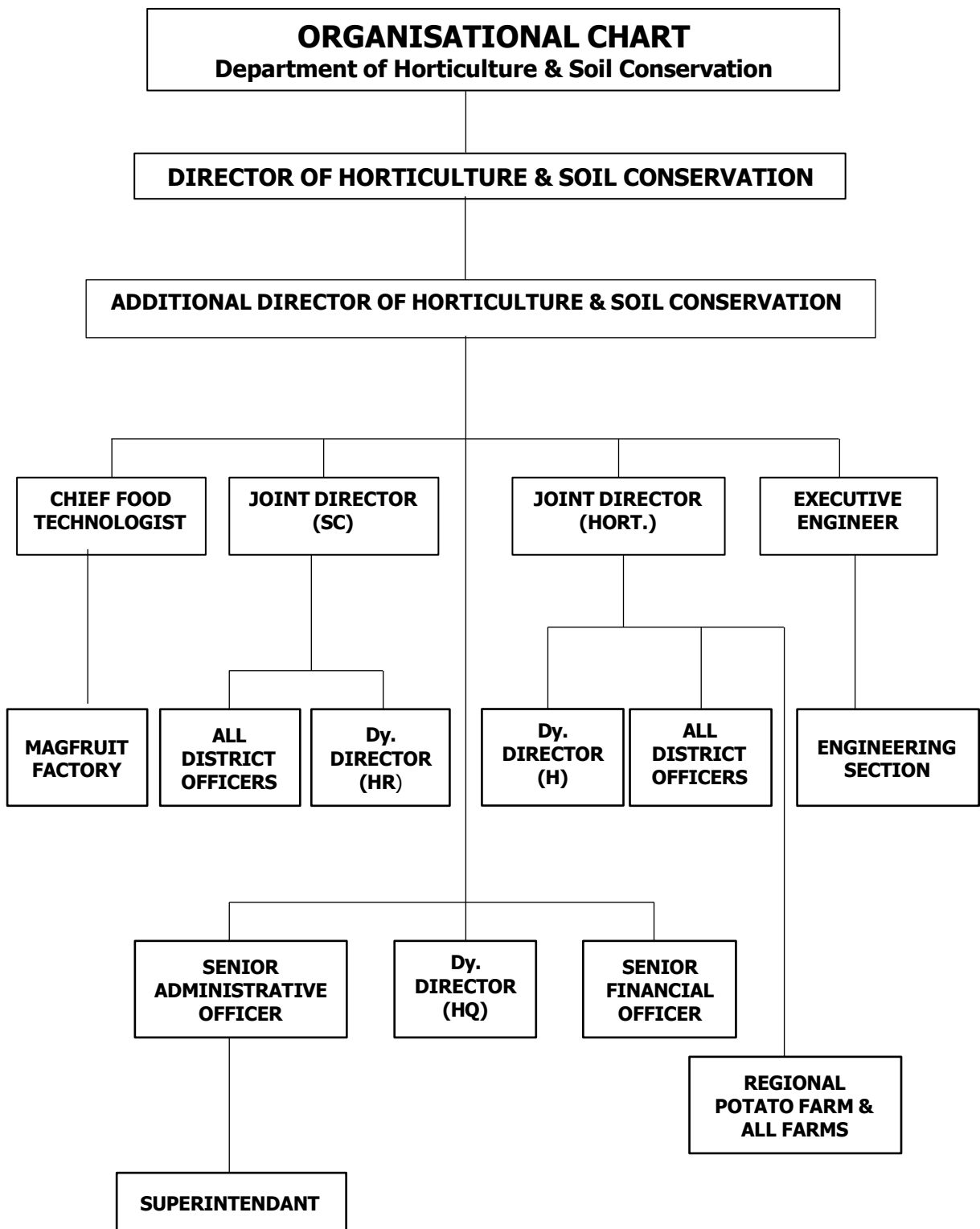
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INTRODUCTION:

The Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation functions under the supervision and guidance of the Hon'ble Minister, and the Administrative Secretary, Horticulture. In the year, 1977, Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation has been bifurcated from Agriculture Department and further trifurcated into three entities namely, Agriculture Department, Horticulture & Soil Conservation and Command Area Development Authority (CADA).

Agro-ecological, Manipur is situated in the hot and warm humid/per-humid agro-eco region of the North-Eastern part of the Country. Topographically, the State is hilly and mountainous with a small central valley of only about 10% of the total geographical area. The soil is strong to moderately acidic with two broad types of soil viz. red ferruginous soils in the hills and alluvium soils in the valley. The State receives adequate rainfall with heavy precipitation during July-August. Most of the cultivated area is rainfed except for some irrigated areas in Central Valley. Moreover, above 80% of farmers are small and marginal having low investment capacity.

A planned approach towards horticulture development in the State had been undertaken in collaboration with National Horticulture Board and had identified about 2,77,064 ha, constituting 12% of the total geographical area of the State, as suitable for cultivating various horticulture crops. Out of this potential area, at present only about 81,443 ha (29%) has been brought under cultivation of different horticulture crops like fruits, vegetables, spices, plantation crops etc. To realize this untapped potential, the Government has been giving due importance to the Development of Horticulture as one of the core elements since growth in the sector is likely to lead to widespread economic benefits, especially for the rural poor. In view of this, the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation has been taking up various programmes/development activities in the sectors of Horticulture, Soil and Water Conservation to improve crop production and productivity, increasing farmers' income and bringing nutritional security to the State.



ADMINISTRATION:

The Director is the Head of the Department. At the Directorate, the Director is assisted by 1 (One) Additional Director, 2 (two) Joint viz. Joint Director (SC) & Joint Director (Hort.) and 3 (three) Deputy Directors viz. Deputy Director (HQ) Deputy Director (Hort.) and Deputy Director (HR) in technical matters. The senior officers are the backbone in planning, formation and guiding of all the developmental activities of the Department. The Director is assisted by an Administrative Officer from MCS cadre and a Senior Finance Officer from MFS Cadre in the matter of Administration and Financial matters respectively.

All developmental activities as well as administration at the district level were executed through the District Officers and Sub-Divisional establishments. Each sub-division is looked after by 2 (two) Officers namely (i) Soil Conservation Officer, in-charge of all Soil Conservation Works of the sub-division and (ii) Horticulture Development Officer, in-charge of all Horticulture Works of the Dub-division along with necessary technical and ministerial staff.

List of different establishments/sub-offices under the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation are:

1. Deputy Director (HQ), Directorate, Imphal
2. Divisional Soil Conservational Officer (IPP)/ District Officer (H&SC), Imphal West
3. Deputy Director (SS)/ District Officer (H&SC), Imphal East
4. Chief Food Technologist, Magfruit Factory
5. District Officer (Hort. & SC), Bishnupur
6. District Officer (Hort. & SC), Thoubal
7. District Officer (Hort. & SC), Ukhrul
8. District Officer (Hort. & SC), Senapati
9. District Officer (Hort. & SC), Chandel
10. District Officer (Hort. & SC), Tamenglong
11. District Officer (Hort. & SC), Churachandpur
12. Deputy Director (Hort. & SC), Kangpokpi
13. Deputy Director (Hort. & SC), Regional Potato Farm, Mao
14. Regional Progeny Orchard, Maram
15. Vegetable Seed Production Farm, Liyai
16. Cashewnut Development Officer, Jiribam
17. Walnut Development Officer, Moreh
18. Agriculture Officer (SCR), Gelzang

Staff Strength:

Altogether, there are 307 nos. of staff against the 897 nos. of total sanctioned posts in the department. Grade-wise number of staff strength as on 03.03.2026 is given below:

Sl. No.	Group	No. of Sanctioned Strength	Men-in- position	Vacant post
1	Group-A	114	60	54
2	Group-B	130	22	108
3	Group-C	366	177	189
4	Group-D	287	48	239
Total		897	307	590

POLICY:

To overcome the major constraints and boost up horticultural production, the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation has outlined the following major policy initiatives”

Major Policy Initiatives:

1. To enhanced the average productivity of fruits from 9.82 MT/ha to National average of 12.3 MT/ha, vegetables from 10.8 MT/ha to national average of (17 MT/ha) and Spices under area-specific/crop-specific programmes.
2. Encourage the production of quality planting materials.
3. Promotion for convergence and sharing of resources.
4. Improvement of farmers’ income through crop diversification.
5. Encourage and support farmers’ innovative ideas/skills for horticulture crops.
6. Conserve the eco-system through in-situ soil and water conservation management in rain-fed and shifting cultivation areas.
7. Promotion of scientific beekeeping to enhance rural income and crop pollination. Through Manipur Beekeeping and Honey Mission (MBHM) sponsored by the National Bee Board (NBB).
8. Promote micro-irrigation for better production and productivity.
9. Assist Small & Marginal Farmers for better agriculture production.
10. Promotion of Plantation crops like Cashew, Cocoa, walnut etc.
11. Area expansion of Foxnut (Makhana) to meet rapidly growing market demand for this nutrient-rich, gluten-free superfood.
12. Promotion of commercial floriculture to transform the floriculture sector in the State from a niche activity into a high-growth, industrial, and export-oriented sector, driven by rising demand in domestic markets.

13. To reduce the post-harvest losses of 30-40 % of horticulture crops to 15 to 20 % through value chain establishment of cold chain infrastructure in hubs and spoke model, processing value addition, branding, packaging and marketing.

FINANCIAL OUTLAY:

During the Year BE-2025-26, the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation has been allocated a total of Rs. 10733.91 lakhs. Out of this earmarked amount, a sum of Rs. 4231.14 lakhs are to meet the salaries of the staff and other establishment expenses and Rs. 6503.77 lakhs are for taking up various schemes and programme of the department.

Financial Outlay (2025-26)

(₹ in lakhs)

Sl Nos.	Head of Accounts	BE 2025-26
A	Revenue Expenditure	
1	2401- Crop Husbandry	2452.95
	2402- Soil & Water Conservation	1663.77
	2415- Agri. Research & education	113.42
	Sub-Total (A)	4230.14
B	Development/Capital Expenditure	
1	2401-Crop Husbandry (Horticulture)	
	Normal development fund	1263.72
	Centrally sponsored scheme (CSS)	4393.85
	NEC Project	
	State matching share for NEC Project	
	State matching share for CSS	492.4
	Total	6149.97
2	4401- Capital outlay on Crop Husbandry	
	Construction of Cold Storage	10.00
	Construction of rural market shed	100.00
	Establishment of Cold Chain Infrastructure, Vacuum Freeze Dehydration, and Integrated pack house	10.00
	Capital expenditure for Horti & SC	89.00
	Total	209.00
3	4402- Capital Outlay on Soil and Water Conservation	
	Development of Departmental Farm	80.00
	Total	80.00
4	2402- Soil and water Conservation	
	Normal development fund	64.8
	Sub-Total (B)	6503.77
	Grand Total (Revenue + Capital)	10733.91

A. HORTICULTURE:

During the BE 2025-26, a sum of ₹ 10733.91 lakhs has been proposed for the Horticulture sector for the implementation of various programmes and schemes under the Plan. Details of programmes and schemes are as follows:

Sl. Nos.	FINANCIAL OUTLAY 2025-26 Head of Accounts	(Rs.in lakh)	
		BE 2025-26	RE-2025-26
A	Revenue Expenditure		
1	2401- Crop Husbandry	2452.95	4199.5
	2402- Soil & Water Conservation	1663.77	1319.06
	2415- Agri. Research & education	113.42	77.3
	Sub-Total (A)	4230.14	5595.86
B	Development/Capital Expenditure		
1	2401-Crop Husbandry (Horticulture)		
	Normal development fund	1263.72	1306.34
	Centrally sponsored scheme (CSS)	4393.85	5218.1
	NEC Project		
	State matching share for NEC Project		
	State matching share for CSS	492.4	389.49
	Total	6149.97	6913.93
2	4401- Capital outlay on Crop Husbandry		
	Construction of Cold Storage	10.00	10.00
	Construction of rural market shed	100.00	100.00
	Establishment of Cold chain Infrastructure, Vacuum Freeze Dehydration, and Integrated pack house	10.00	100.00
	Capital expenditure for Horti & SC	89.00	89.00
	Total	209.00	299.00
3	4402- Capital outlay on Soil Conservation		
	Development of Departmental farms	80.00	80.00
	Total	80.00	80.00
4	2402- Soil and water Conservation		
	Normal development fund	64.80	64.80
	Sub-Total (B)	6,503.77	7,357.73
	Grand Total (Revenue + Capital)	10733.91	12953.59

a) Horticulture – Normal State Development Fund:

I. Strengthening of Horticulture Information Unit:

During the year 2025-26, a sum of ₹ 0.30 lakhs is earmarked especially to meet office expenses, domestic travel expenses, etc. of the department.

II. Distribution of Seeds as an alternative means of livelihood:

During the year 2025-26, a sum of ₹ 310.00 lakhs has been earmarked for the distribution of Seeds to farmers for achieving self-sufficiency in the state and to those affected by the destruction of Poppy for immediate seed required as an alternative means of livelihood. As part of the Government's Mission of Double Cropping, the department was directed to procure seeds necessary for farmers, particularly in areas with irrigation facilities, to enhance agricultural productivity. In April 2023, as part of this initiative, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed seeds to farmers for the fiscal year 2023-24. However, the required fund amounting to Rs. 200 lakhs allocated for this purpose was not transferred from the State Treasury to the designated bank. Consequently, the funds were reverted to the Government Account, resulting in a financial liability. An action plan detailing the expenditure and funding requirements was submitted to the government through AD.

III. Distribution of Seeds as an alternative means of Livelihood "Short Term":

During the year 2025-26, a sum of ₹ 75.00 lakhs has been earmarked to make certified Potato tuber Seed available to the farmers at a subsidized rate for achieving self-sufficiency of potato.

IV. Foundation Farm Mao:

During the last cropping season 2025-26, the farm produces seed potatoes of different stages including the most important stages of seed potato i.e., Nuclear Stage-I (NS-I), NS-II, Basic Seeds, Foundation Stages, Foundation Stage-II & Certified Seed stages of 5 (five) different varieties viz, Kurfi Jyoti, Kurfi Himalini, Kurfi Giridhari, Kurfi Kanchan (red variety) Kurfi Chipsona (Suitable for chips making).

The farm is also producing local varieties like Aber Chaibi, Mao Potato and One exotic variety called Purple Potato in marginal quantity so far.

Regional Potato Farm, Mao up-to-date achievement

Sl. No.	Months	Variety	Targeted Area (acres)	Net Area covered (acres)	Yield (MT)
1	Period from February 2025 to August, 2025	Kufri Himalini	22.00	22.00	39.308
		Kufri Kanchan			
		Kufri Girdhari			
		Kufri Jyoti			
		Kufri Chipsona			
		Aber Chaibi, Japan Potato (Purple colour), Mao tuber			
2	Period from February 2025 to February, 2026	Vegetables like Raddish, Carrot Cabbage	5.0	5.0	3.04

V. Development of Progeny Orchard-cum-Nursery:

The 4 (four) departmental progeny orchards at Mao, Maram, Thawai Mahadev, Jiribam, and Gelzang have been revived under the NEC project. However, it's important to note that the Thawai Mahadev farm is currently non-operational due to land-related issues. In the year 2025-26, a sum of ₹ 10.00 lakhs is earmarked to run the progeny orchards for the production of quality seed planting materials.

VI. Coconut Development Board:

During the year 2025-26, a sum of ₹ 25.25 lakhs is earmarked for the scheme Coconut Development Board with the objectives to expand the physical area under coconut. Establishment of Organic manure pit for integrated farming for the improvement of the productivity. Lastly, the budget aims to promote the market for coconut products. This could involve activities such as market research, infrastructure development, or marketing initiatives to enhance the market access and livelihoods of coconut farmers.

VII. Establishment of Orchards in Hill Areas:

During the year 2025-26, a sum of ₹ 80.00 lakhs is earmarked for the Establishment of Orchard in the Hill Areas with a physical target of 37 hectares. This scheme serves as a model orchard for farmers of hill areas of Manipur. To attend settled farming for mitigating problems related to climate change and rehabilitation of Jhumia families. It enhanced the income of farmers and improved the nutritional status of the state. The mode of assistance would be 80:20 (80%

state assistance and 20% farmers' contribution). Training on New technology and operational management of orchards will also be imparted to farmer interest groups.

VIII. Development of Floriculture:

During the year 2025–26, a sum of ₹ 40.00 lakhs is earmarked for the State Plan Scheme Development of Floriculture. The scheme identified two beneficiaries, one each from Imphal East District and Ukhrul District. Two polyhouses, each measuring 300 sqm, were constructed in the respective districts. A total quantity of 2,260 kg of Compost/FYM was provided to both beneficiaries. The beneficiary from Imphal East District was provided with 420 numbers of *Alstroemeria* rhizomes and 15 kg of NPK (19:19:19), while the beneficiary from Ukhrul District was provided with 3,200 numbers of *Lilium* bulbs and 15 kg of NPK (19:19:19), with a total budget of ₹ 16,93,140.00. It is pertinent to mention that the scheme also provides assistance for the supply of loose flowers, flowering plants, and wreaths for various State functions, as well as for the beautification of the Secretariate Offices amounting to ₹ 5,05,000.00.

IX. Mushroom Development Programme:

Integrated Mushroom Unit was first established at D.S.C.O (I.P.P), Mantripukhri, Dept. of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Govt of Manipur Later, it was shifted to Office of the District Officer (H&SC), Thoubal.

The function of this unit is to produce mushroom spawn as well as production of fresh mushroom. The equipment's required for mushroom spawn production i.e., autoclave, laminar air flow, incubator, oven, refrigerator, etc are available in this unit. The mushroom spawn production works like washing of paddy grain, boiling of paddy grain, mixing with chemicals, filling in packets, plugging of cotton, covering with butter paper, autoclaving, exposing to the laminar flow, inoculation etc are done by the staffs as well as workers engaged. The mushroom production unit includes chamber for soaking of dry straw with chemicals, spawning room, cropping room.

Training/ demonstration programmes to the needful and interested farmers regarding mushroom spawn production and mushroom cultivation are conducted in the Mushroom training hall batch wise from time to time. About 1000 packets of mushroom spawn are produced till today for sale and distribution to the farmers. Fresh mushroom cultivation technique is also sown in the unit for interested farmers group.

Training Programme for Mushroom was given to the farmers of different district. The details training conducted are as follows:-

1. 2 (Two) days training programme at Senapati District.

2. 2 (Two) days training programme at Kangpokpi District.
3. 3 (Three) training programme at Kakching District.
4. 3 (Three) training programme at Thoubal District.
5. 2 (Two) days training programme at Ukhrul District.
6. 2 (Two) days training programme at Churachandpur District.

The details production and sale proceed for the year 2025-26 till date is as follows:-

- 300 packets (600 gm/packet) of spawn were produced and sold at Rs. 60 per packet.
- 20 kg of fresh mushroom were harvested and sold at Rs 200 per kg.
- 500 packets of spawn were distributed to the interested farmer during training programme.

X. Cultivation of Horticulture Crop as an Alternative to Poppy Cultivation in Hill Areas:

In FY 2022-23, the Government's wide publicity and strong determination to fight the menace of illegal poppy cultivation and make the state of Manipur Poppy garnered positive responses from all communities of the state irrespective of all tribes and communities. Many CSOs and Village chiefs of all hill districts also supported the Mission "War of Drugs 2.0". As such, the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation had been instructed to provide alternative livelihood to these illegal poppy farmers by providing important horticulture crop planting materials as an alternative livelihood means.

Under the initiative to promote horticulture crops as an alternative to poppy cultivation, the Hon'ble Chief Minister distributed planting materials in April 2023 for the fiscal year 2023-24. The initiative required Rs. 700 lakhs in funding. Action plan detailing the expenditure and funding requirements was submitted to the government through AD. However, despite this requirement, the necessary funds have not been reflected in the Revised Estimate (RE) for 2023-24 or the Budget Estimate (BE) for 2024-25. As a result, the department is currently facing a financial liability of Rs. 700 lakhs. Further, for the BE-25-26, a total amount of Rs. 50 lakhs were earmarked.

XI. Eastern Border Areas Development Authority (EBADA):

During the year 2025-26, an amount of ₹ 70.92 lakhs was earmarked in the budget for the provision of EBADA under the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, as Grant-in-aid and Grant-in-aid General.

XII. Barak River Valley Development Board (BRVDB):

During the year 2025-26, an amount of ₹62.00 lakhs was earmarked in the budget for the provision of BRVDB under the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, as Grant-in-aid and Grant-in-aid General.

XIII. Value Chain Marketing of Quality local horticulture products through brand-building initiatives:

Realizing the availability of quality horticultural products and developing a complete supply chain and top opportunities in the emerging market of the food sector, the Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Manipur proposed a scheme entitled “Value Chain Marketing of Quality Local Horticulture Products through Brand Building Initiative”. The scheme shall support entrepreneurs, farmers groups and farmer Producer Organizations of the state involved in the value chain agriculture and make available innovative market approaches and market linkage and intervene in their product development, brand building, and promotion. The scheme shall aim for the creation of Indigenous food products, promote local brands, manufacturing, and supply chains and promote the Prime Minister’s call for “**Vocal for Local**” through consistent quality management at every step. During BE-2025-26, a total amount of Rs. 300.00 lakhs were earmarked for development initiatives for local produce for the export market.

The main targets for the year 2025-26 are:

1.	Assistance for basic infrastructure/machineries, material to ensure the quality of products, proper packaging, branding, certification, etc. to the selected entrepreneurs.
2.	Assistance to Quality Packaging along with the design service.
3.	Assistance to participate in Buyer-Seller Meet/ Agri Fairs/ Melas at the Regional or State Level for the promotion of Local Quality Products.
4.	Providing Assistance to 30% of the actual cost incurred for transportation of fresh local quality horticulture products within and outside the state at the National Market.
5.	Training on standard production, post-harvest handling processing, and packaging to ensure qualities within and outside the state.
6.	Assistance to Quality Testing/ Laboratory testing – as per requirements, testing of quality products in accredited laboratories for residue, nutritional content, etc./ Quality parameter Testing Machine.

XIV. Construction of Cold Storage:

A State-Level Committee for the Establishment of Cold Chain and Post-Harvest Management of Horticulture Produce was constituted as per the direction of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Manipur. Accordingly, a project titled "Setting up of Cold Chain Infrastructure for Horticulture Produces in Manipur" was submitted by the committee constituted for the same.

For the current financial year 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakh has been earmarked for Construction of Cold Storage in the state.

XV. Establishment of Cold Chain Infrastructure, Vacuum Freeze Dehydration and Integrated Pack House:

For the current financial year 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 10.00 lakh has been earmarked for the Establishment of Cold Chain Infrastructure, Vacuum Freeze Dehydration and Integrated Pack House in the state. The existing infrastructures require upgradation as per recommendation by architects of Alethia Food labs, Trichy in compliance with the ADI consulting (Management Consultants) SNEHA ENCLAVE, Kolkata satisfying HACCP protocols of food standard and ISO 22000 standards. The upgradation work includes civil and allied works such as earth work, anti-termite treatment/pest control, plain cement concrete, reinforced cement concrete, steel reinforcement, masonry works, plastering works, flooring and miscellaneous work.

XVI. Construction of Rural Market Shed:

An amount of ₹ 100.00 lakhs has been allocated under the Budget Estimate (BE) 2025–26 for the State Plan Scheme, “Construction of Rural Market Sheds.” It is pertinent to mention that Administrative Approval to the Detailed Project Report (DPR), along with the physical and financial outlay for implementation of the scheme at the rate of ₹ 25.00 lakh per unit for 4 (four) units, has already been accorded. The Rural Market Sheds are proposed to be constructed at Imphal East, District, Imphal West District, Ukhrul, District and Noney District.

XVII. Corpus for Market Intervention for Horticultural Products:

"Market Intervention for Horticultural Products" is a state scheme implemented as a revolving fund with mandated financial returns under the Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur. It assures a market for farmers in times of market glut to reduce distress sales while minimizing food wastage. The scheme provides farmers with safety net and financial support through timely procurement of their produces during market risks and also make available fresh produces continuously to the public for their daily needs. It has been instrumental in providing market support to more than 2500 farmers during second wave of covid 19 during 2021.

Significant activities undertaken during 2025-26 are given below:

- Procured 15 MT of Ash gourd from 40 flood affected farmers and sold at Organic Outlet, Sanjenthong.
- Facilitated marketing of 70 MT of fresh ginger and turmeric of Awar FPC, Kangpokpi, Reanglung FPC, Tamenglong and Karanu FPC, Senapati
- Facilitated marketing of 5 MT of fresh passion fruit of Loubuk Maikai FPC, Imphal West
- Supported transportation of fresh vegetables for Liangmai Imphal Market

XVIII. Capital Expenditure for Horti & SC:

During the year 2025-26, an amount of Rs. 89.00 lakhs were earmarked for the capital Expenditure for Horti & SC for the development and repair of the department infrastructure.

B. SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION:

Normal State Development Fund

Land Development Programme for Small & Marginal Farmers:

The state government has introduced a scheme aimed at assisting small and marginal farmers, who make up 84% of the state's agricultural community. The primary objective of the scheme is to develop agricultural land to enhance productivity. For the fiscal year 2025-26, a budget of Rs. 64.80 lakhs have been earmarked for land reclamation and development under this initiative. The implementation structure of the scheme varies based on the geography of the districts:

- In valley districts, the scheme is being implemented through Zilla Parishads.
- In hill districts, implementation is the responsibility of Autonomous District Councils (ADC).

To ensure effective execution, members of Zilla Parishads and Autonomous District Councils have been appointed as caretakers for their respective districts as mandated by the government. This scheme aligns with the government's broader policy of devolving power to local bodies, thereby empowering them to manage and implement agricultural development initiatives tailored to the specific needs of their regions. It underscores a commitment to sustainable agricultural practices and the economic upliftment of small and marginal farmers across the state.

CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEME (CSS)

I. Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH):

The Department of Horticulture & Soil Conservation, Manipur is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for the holistic growth of the Horticulture sector covering fruit, vegetables, species, and flowers. The funding pattern of the mission is 90:10 (Centre: State). The main components of the Mission are the production of planting material, area expansion, rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, HRD program, post-harvest management, and marketing infrastructures, etc. Under Area expansion of fruits (Kiwi, Dragon Fruit, Banana TC etc.), 355 ha. area has been covered with an expenditure of Rs.251.375 lakhs. An area of 35 ha has been covered for new plantation of fruits (Dragon fruit) with an expenditure of Rs.70.875 lakhs and 320 ha. for 1st year maintenance of fruits with an expenditure of Rs.180.50 lakhs. A total area of 1300 ha. have been covered under area expansion of hybrid vegetable seeds with an expenditure of Rs.385.00 lakhs. 57 nos. of small-scale mushroom production Unit (Private Sector) have also been established with an expenditure of Rs.57.00 lakhs. A total area of 100 ha. with an expenditure of Rs. 20.00 lakhs have been achieved on Rejuvenation/Replacement of senile plantation. Under Creation of Water Resources, 250 nos. of Water harvesting structure for individuals with a total expenditure of Rs. 225.00 lakhs have been achieved. Under Protected Cultivation, 30,000 Sq.mt. of U.V. Film and 60,000 Sq.mt. of Shade Net have been distributed to 150 nos. and 300 nos. of beneficiaries respectively for construction of Bamboo Structure Polyhouse and Shade House with an expenditure of Rs.232.875 lakhs. An area of 60,000 Sq.mt. has also been covered on cultivation of high value vegetable grown in poly-house/ net house with a total expenditure of Rs.51.75 lakhs and an area of 500 ha. with an expenditure of Rs.115.00 lakhs have been utilized on Mulching. An area of 1300 ha. with a total expenditure of Rs.19.50 lakhs have been utilized for promotion of Integrated Nutrient Management/Integrated Pest Management. Under Organic farming, 565 nos. of Vermi-bed have been distributed to the beneficiaries with an expenditure of Rs.45.20 lakhs. With an expenditure of Rs. 80.00 lakhs, 2000 nos. of bee boxes with bee hives including equipment like Honey extractor, net etc. have been distributed to 400 nos. of beneficiaries under Pollination support through beekeeping.

A total sum of Rs. 1502.59670 lakhs have been utilized as on date for implementation of components under MIDH during 2025-26.

II. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY)- per drop more crop:

Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) Per Drop More Crop- Micro Irrigation and Other Interventions were implemented by the Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur under Department of Agriculture, Manipur (Nodal Department) with the objective of providing end-to-end solutions in irrigation supply chain, viz. water sources, distribution network and farm level applications. PMKSY not only focuses on creating water sources for assured irrigation, but it is also creating protective irrigation by harnessing rain water at the micro level through 'Jal Sanchay' and 'Jal Sinchan'. Micro irrigation is an integral component of the scheme to maximize water use efficiency at farm level. PMKSY adopts state-level planning and projectized execution that allows states to draw up their own irrigation development based on District irrigation Plans and State Irrigation Plan. The funding pattern of the scheme is 90:10 (Centre: State). There has been no achievement till date due to the non-release of funds for year 2023-24.

During the course of implementation, the Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur, has steadily expanded micro-irrigation coverage across the state. In particular, during the financial year 2025–26, under the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) – Per Drop More Crop component, a total area of 829.6 hectares was brought under micro irrigation. Of this, 156.6 hectares were covered under drip irrigation systems, with components distributed to farmers, while 673 hectares were brought under sprinkler irrigation systems, including portable and mini sprinklers, and installed across both hill and valley regions. These efforts have significantly contributed to the promotion of efficient water management, sustainable irrigation practices, and enhanced agricultural productivity, thereby strengthening the resilience and livelihoods of farmers across Manipur.

III. Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), During FY 2025-26, construction of 5 numbers of 75 MT capacity cold storage and 5 MT pre cooling chamber has been started at Naransena, Bishnupur District Makuilongdi, Senapati District Lunghar and Paorei Ukhrul District and Jiribam District have been completed and started installation of machineries. Out of the total project cost of Rs. 10.0 Crores, only Rs. 5.7746 Crores has been released from the Nodal Planning Department. Construction of civil work, supply and installation of Puff panel and 70 % of the supply and installation of the machineries for the five number of Cold Storage units have been completed. The work for the remaining fund amounting to Rs. 4.2254 Crores only for the miscellaneous civil work, supply and installation of machineries and internal electrification are in progress and the claim liabilities will be submitted within the financial year 2025-26 to the Nodal Department.

IV. Rastriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY):

The Union Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) in October 2024 as a revamped, cafeteria-style, centrally sponsored scheme to promote sustainable agriculture and holistic development.

During the year 2025–26, a sum of ₹684.80 lakh has been approved based on the recommendation of the State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC). Out of which, a fund amounting to ₹275.575 lakh has been allocated for taking up activities under 1st instalment.

V. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY), under this scheme for the financial year 2025-26, the department has targeted and achieved 1136 numbers of Crop Cutting Experiment (CCEs) at the financial cost of Rs. 34, 00, 800/- (Rupees Thirty-four lakh eight hundred) only and 96 numbers of District Level Training awareness programme also achieved amounting to Rs. 19, 20,000/- (Rupees Nineteen lakh twenty thousand) only. Further, two numbers of State level training awareness programme have been targeted and achieved amounting to Rs. 1, 00,000/- (Rupees one lakh) only and few publications and broadcasting through print media as well as audio-visual media for the purpose of farmer's enrolment programme amounting to Rs. 5, 24,000/- (Rupees Five lakh twenty-four thousand) only had been targeted and achieved during Kharif season 2024-25 along with office maintenance of Rs. 2,92,300/- (Rupees Two lakh ninety-two thousand) only. The above proposal is already sent for ES and EP to the FD. Further, for the Rabi 2025-26 work programme amounting to Rs. 54, 71,800/- (Rupees Fifty-four lakh seventy-one thousand eight hundred) would be put up for ES and EP by the department after the coming of Revised Estimate of budget.

Note: Timely conducting of Crop Cutting Experiments (CCEs) when the crop is at the field is the most important task of this scheme because cabbage and cauliflower are short duration crops.

VI. Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER)

Introduction:

Mission Organic Value Chain Development of North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) is a central sponsored scheme under Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Govt. of India implemented in the State of Manipur from the year 2015-16. Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA), Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, is the state lead agency for implementing the scheme. Eleven (11) Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) with an investment of Rs. 9.853 crores (2024-25) and Rs. 20.6674 crores (2025-26). This has benefited 5500 farmers with DBT @15000/farmer and covered 5500 ha under Organic Certification. 11 nos. of Input

Delivery units, 12 nos. of Collection units, 11 nos. of transportation vehicles and 11 nos. of small processing units and 11 nos. of Seed stores/warehouses and 2 nos. of Organic Outlets are operational under the project during Phase-IV (2024 to 2026).

FY wise:

FY	
2024-25	Rs. 9.853 crores (Released)
2025-26	Rs. 20.6674 crores (SNA SPARSH)

- Mission Organic Value Chain Development for North Eastern Region (MOVCDNER) implemented by Manipur Organic Mission Agency (MOMA) achieved the following activities during 2025-26:
- Supported 11 Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs) to create value chain infrastructure.
- An area of 17,563 ha under certified organic production in the State.
- Supported 5500 farmers with quality planting materials and 4500 farmers with Direct Benefit transfers @ Rs. 3750/farmer.
- FPCs has been provided with 18 Collection centres, 4 Custom hiring centres, 15 Seed stores, 8 Transport vehicle, 23 Vermicomposting units, 10 Solar dryer unit and 13 Food processing units.
- Facilitated marketing of 300 MT of Black Aromatic Rice by ChakHao Poireiton Organic Producer Company Limited, Imphal West.
- Facilitated marketing of 2MT of King Chilli of Reanglung FPC, Tamenglong.
- Facilitated marketing of 60 MT of fresh pineapple by Nongpok Apunba Organic Farmer Producer Company Limited, Imphal East.
- Facilitated marketing of 5 MT of fresh passion fruit of Loubuk Maikai FPC, Imphal West.
- Opening of Organic Outlet at Ajman, UAE.
- MOMA, as part of the sub-committee, has facilitated formation of the Manipur Seed and Organic Certification Agency (MASOCA) in the Department of Agriculture, Government of Manipur for seed quality control and organic certification.
- MOMA empanelled as Regional Council for Organic Farming and Natural Farming under Participatory Guarantee System.

NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL (NEC) PROJECTS

I. Integrated Farming for Upliftment of Huishu Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur

Huishu is a Vibrant Village located in the Ukhrul district of Manipur, near the international border with Myanmar. Under the Department of Horticulture and Soil Conservation, Manipur, the project titled “Integrated Farming for Upliftment of Huishu Village” was sanctioned on 24th March, 2025, and is fully funded by the North Eastern Council (NEC). The project aims to promote a holistic and sustainable integrated farming system in Huishu village by effectively combining agriculture, horticulture, animal husbandry, and fisheries, ensuring optimal utilization of available land and natural resources. Through this initiative, the project seeks to enhance farmer livelihoods, agricultural productivity, and resource efficiency, while supporting long-term sustainability and socio-economic development in the village.

The key objectives of the project are:

- To enhance agricultural production and improve the economic status of poor and marginal farmers through sustainable and income-oriented approaches.
- To maintain a balanced agro-ecosystem, ensuring sustainability, profitability, and competitiveness.
- To accelerate the collaborative development and application of agricultural innovations, demonstrating the effectiveness of integrated farming systems.
- To mitigate shifting cultivation (Jhum) by promoting permanent land-use systems through integrated farming practices.

The project is being implemented through three major integrated farming models:

- Model I: Horticultural crops combined with livestock, fisheries, and agro-forestry.
- Model II: Horticultural crops combined with livestock and vermicomposting.
- Model III: Horticultural crops combined with apiary activities.

With regard to the current status of implementation, the North Eastern Council has released the first instalment, and the project has achieved approximately 30% physical progress so far. Once completed, the project is expected to contribute significantly to sustainable livelihood generation, efficient resource utilization, reduction of Jhum cultivation, and overall socio-economic development of Huishu Village. It will also serve as a model for integrated farming development in the hill districts of Manipur.

II. Centrally Sponsored Scheme (NEC, Shillong, Govt. Of India)

Sl. No.	Particulars	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
1	The 14 th Sirarakhong Hathei Phanit (Chilli Festival) at Sirarakhong Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur on 16 th - 18 th Sept. 2025.	8.00
2	The 7 th Manipur State Level Kiwi Fruit Festival at Oinam Hill Village, Senapati District, Manipur on 28 th & 29 th of Nov. 2025.	10.00
3	The 5 th District Level Chatric Sivathei (King Chilli) Festival cum Workshop and Training at Chatric Village, Kamjong District, Manipur on 10 th & 11 th of Dec. 2025.	8.00
4	The 22 nd Kachai Lemon Festival (State Level) at Kachai Village, Ukhrul District, Manipur on 15 th - 17 th Jan. 2025.	6.00

III. Fruit Preservation Factory (MAGFRUIT):

The Fruit Preservation Factory (MAGFRUIT) was inaugurated on 6th January, 2023. Since then, a team has undergone comprehensive training to acquire technical expertise in operating equipment and producing finished products like jams, jellies, squashes, RTS beverages, dried fruits, pickles, sauces, and canned goods. MAGFRUIT has secured FSSAI State License No. 11623008000028 under the FSS Act, 2006.

During the financial year 2024-25, no fund had been allotted for the Fruit Preservation Factory (MAGFRUIT). Listed below are some of the activities taken up by this office from the available fund of the previous year.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Quantity
1.	Processing of fresh ginger rhizome into dried flakes	12.4 MT
2.	Primary processing of kiwifruit into juice	1.3 MT
3.	Primary processing of Kachai lemon fruit into juice	2.185 MT
3.	Primary processing of Tamenglong orange fruit into juice	1.027 MT
4.	Processing of fresh king chilli into dried product	2 MT
5.	Primary processing of passion fruit into juice	4.8 MT

Work Plan for the proposed budget during the financial year 2025-26:-

The proposed budget shall target in procurement of basic additional machinery as a requirement to process the already stocked fruit juices for further processing into Ready to drink beverage, energy drinks, squash, cordials, jams, Vitamin C enriched fruit gummies, etc., Further, procurement of raw materials such as fruits, vegetables and spices for processing into finished products has to be done. The fund will be utilized for regular payment of charges such as power supply/electricity, insurance premium for transportation vehicle, registration, certification & licensing of food products. The remaining fund will be utilized for Trainings, exposure visits, fairs & exhibition, consumer awareness/promotions and miscellaneous charges.

The Annual Action Plan for the FY- 2025-26 is as below:

Sl. No.	Particulars	Total amount (₹ in lakhs)
A	Basic Addl. Machineries	₹ 24.00
B	Raw materials such as fruits, vegetables and spices	₹ 31.0826
C	Transportation vehicles	₹ 1.00
D	Registration, certification and licensing of food products	₹ 1.13
E	Power & utilities	₹10.5
F	Miscellaneous tools and equipments	1.01480
G	Other Miscellaneous items	₹5.00
H	Training & Exposure visit	₹3.77
I	Consumer awareness	₹ 2.50260
	TOTAL	₹80.00

Output/Outcome of the scheme:

Currently, the factory had already processed fruits of Tamenglong Orange, Kachai Lemon and kiwi into fruit juices. These fruit juices are to be further processed into Ready to drink beverage, energy drinks, squash, cordials, jams, Vitamin C enriched fruit gummies, etc., which require the additional machinery and accessories. A detail of the processed fruit juice available in the factory is given as

Sl. No.	Products	Volume/Quantity (in litres)	Expected Price as Juice with/without pulp (in Rs.)	Expected sale price as Ready to drink juice (in Rs.)
1.	Tamenglong Orange	2000	5,60,000	11,20,000
2.	Kachai Lemon	2200	6,16,000	1,23,2000
3.	Kiwi	1800	6,30,000	9,45,000
	TOTAL	6000	18,06,000	32,97,000