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CHENNAI – 18 Nov, 2026 India's Horticulture Production Set to Reach Record 386.9 Million Tonnes in 2025-26: Shivraj Singh Chouhan Releases Third Advance Estimates.

Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, today released the Third Advance Estimates of area and production of horticultural crops for 2025-26, bringing encouraging news for the country's farmers. According to the latest estimates, India's total horticulture production is expected to reach 3,869.15 lakh tonnes in 2025-26, an increase of 161.77 lakh tonnes, or 4.36%, over the 3,707.38 lakh tonnes recorded in 2024-25.

Expressing satisfaction over the projected growth, Chouhan said the significant increase in horticulture production reflects the hard work of India's farmers and the impact of the farmer-friendly policies of the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Minister said that this record production would not only strengthen the country's nutritional security but also directly contribute to higher incomes for horticulture farmers. He congratulated farmers across the country for their efforts and said the growth reflects the dedication and hard work of India's farming community.

Chouhan observed that Indian agriculture is witnessing significant and encouraging diversification, with farmers increasingly moving beyond traditional crops towards the cultivation of fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, plantation crops such as cashew, coconut and cocoa, as well as aromatic and medicinal plants. This growing interest in commercial and high-value crops is opening up new avenues of income for farmers while creating fresh opportunities for self-reliance and growth in the agricultural sector. According to the Minister, one of the most significant aspects of the latest estimates is the increase in production despite a reduction in the area under horticulture. The total area under horticultural crops in 2025-26 is estimated at approximately 297.21 lakh hectares, compared with 301.36 lakh hectares in 2024-25. Despite the decline in cultivated area, production is projected to increase across fruits, vegetables, flowers, plantation crops, and aromatic and medicinal plants.

The estimates, released by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on the basis of information received from States, Union Territories and other government agencies, reflect the sector's continued growth and improved productivity.

Fruit production projected to increase by 4.60%