

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS & VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the largest fruit and vegetable producing State in the country;
- (b) the State-wise and Year-wise production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years;
- (c) the details of estimated production of fruits and vegetables for the current year;
- (d) whether prices of fruits and vegetables have shoot up presently;
- (e) if so, the support price fixed by the Government for fruits and vegetables, particularly potatoes and onions;
- (f) the States which have demanded financial assistance for achieving self-reliance in the production of fruits and vegetables; and (g) the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Union Government to increase fruits and vegetable production?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) Maharashtra and West Bengal are the largest fruit and vegetable producing States respectively in the country as per data available with the National Horticulture Board for the year 1998-99.
- (b) State-wise and year-wise production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years i.e. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 is given in Annexure
- (c) No advance estimates are made on the production of fruits and vegetables except for potato and onion which are estimated as under:
Potato 236 lakh metric tonnes
Onion 57.4 lakh metric tonnes.
- (d) No, Sir. There is no increase in the prices of fruits and vegetables rather it has declined as per wholesale price index.
- (e) The support prices of fruits and vegetables are not fixed.
- (f) The State Government of Kerala had requested assistance for achieving self reliance for the production of vegetables in their State.
- (g) The Government of India is implementing following schemes to increase the production of fruits and vegetables in the country during 9th Five Year Plan:
1) Integrated Development of Tropical, Temperate Arid Zone Fruits with an outlay of Rs.125.00 crores.
2) Integrated Development of vegetables including Root & Tuber Crops with a proposed outlay of Rs.43.83 crores.