

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FALL IN PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether fall in production of fruits and vegetables has been registered during the last three years in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise, year-wise and fruit-wise;
- (c) whether the Government has fixed any target to enhance the production of fruits and vegetables for the years to come;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps being taken by the Government to achieved fixed the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. The data available on production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years does not indicate fall in production of fruits and vegetables. A Statement showing details of production of fruits and vegetables State-wise, year-wise and crop wise is annexed.

(c)&(d): Yes, Madam. The Government has envisaged to increase the production of horticultural crops which include fruits and vegetables to 300 million metric tones by the end of the year 2011-12.

(e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing two centrally sponsored schemes namely

(i) Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh and

(ii) National Horticulture Mission in the remaining states of the country with the main objective of increasing the production of horticulture crops which include fruits and vegetables. Besides, National Horticulture Board is also implementing a scheme on "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post Harvest Management" to promote hi-tech commercial production of horticultural crops.