GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2547 ANSWERED ON:10.08.2010 MAIZE PRODUCTION Choudhry Smt. Shruti

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of maize production in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Union Government has any proposal to encourage the production of maize;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Union Government/State Governments have raised the MSP on maize; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

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): State-wise details of maize production in the country during the period 2006-07 to 2009-10 are given in the Annexure. The production estimates of maize for 2010-11 have not been prepared so far.
- (b) & (c): To increase the production of maize in the country, Government is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil-palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in 15 major States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, J&K, Tamil Nadu, U.P. & West Bengal w.e.f. 01-04-2010.
- (d) & (e): Government of India has raised the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of maize from Rs.840/- per quintal in 2009-10 to Rs.880/- per quintal for the year 2010-11.