GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3701 ANSWERED ON:17.08.2010 PRICE OF GINGER Reddy Shri Magunta Srinivasulu

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the prices of dry ginger have increased in the recent past due to shortfall in global production and supply;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken to boost the ginger production during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): The prices of ginger in domestic market has increased by 101.73% during the period 2006 to 2009, due to decrease in production of ginger by 5% during the corresponding period in the country.
- (c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz (i) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) (ii) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) for the holistic development of horticulture sector by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach for development of horticultural crops including ginger.

The financial assistance provided under the above schemes to boost the production of spices including ginger in the country is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10 2010-11 Scheme Release Allocation

NHM 7891.72 10045.38 7386.32 6104.68

HMNEH 1486.87 1748.60 1464.71 1809.90

Total 9378.59 11793.98 8851.03 7914.58