

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF POTATO
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production of potato in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the details of funds sanctioned/ released and utilised for increasing production of potato during the said period, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to increase the agriculture production in the country including Bihar?

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): The State-wise details of production of potato in the country during each of the last three years and the current year are given as Annexure-I.

(b): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States for the holistic development of horticulture in the country. Under NHM Scheme, no assistance is provided for cultivation of vegetables including potato in open field conditions. However, assistance is provided for vegetable seed production as well as development of seed infrastructure under the Public and Private sector. The State-wise details of funds sanctioned/released for vegetables seed production and seed infrastructure under NHM is given as Annexure-II.

Under HMNEH scheme, assistance is provided for vegetable cultivation including potato. The State-wise details of funds sanctioned and released/utilised for Horticulture Development including potato during the last three years and current year is given as Annexure-III.

(c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing following Centrally Sponsored Schemes in the Country including Bihar to Increase the agriculture production:-

- i. National Food Security Mission
- ii. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana
- iii. Technology Mission on Oil Seeds, Pulses and Maize
- iv. Development and Strengthening of Infrastructure Facilities Production and Distribution of Quality Seeds
- v. National Horticulture Mission
- vi. Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States
- vii. National Mission on Micro Irrigation
- viii. Macro-Management of Agriculture
- ix. Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms based on Agriculture Technology Management Agency.
- x. Replanting and Rejuvenation of Coconut Gardens.
- xi. National Bamboo Mission