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

- (a) whether guar seed production is likely to rise 50 per cent on account of favourable monsoon in some States;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to boost the production and preservation of guar seeds in the country including Andhra Pradesh?

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): Production of guar seed is likely to increase over the previous years particularly in North-West States on account of favourable monsoon during Kharif-2010.

(c): The steps taken to boost the production of guar seed include the following:

Assistance for guar seed under Government of India programmes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA).

Adoption of high yielding varieties.

Frontline/block demonstration to popularize adoption of newly developed varieties and technologies.

Improved technology and package of practices.

Adoption of integrated nutrient management and integrated pest management practices by farmers.

Support of infrastructure including portable threshing floor and storage bins.

Inter-cropping of guar with other important crops of the region.

ICAR net work research project 'Arid Legume' at CAZRI, Jodhpur to undertake research on improvement of guar.

Breeder seed production of improved varieties by ICAR.