

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the annual average production and requirement of onion in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and category-wise;
- (b) whether the production of such commodity is sufficient to meet the domestic demand of the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor;and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production of onion in the country?

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): A statement showing State-wise and year-wise production/ requirement of onion during the last three years and the current year is at Annexure.
- (b) to (d): Yes, Madam. The production of onion is sufficient to meet the domestic demand of the country.
- (e): The Government of India has been implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz., Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the remaining states for holistic development of horticulture to enhance production and productivity of horticulture crops including onion. National Horticultural Research and Development Foundation (NHRDF), Nashik, under Ministry of Agriculture provides assistance to the onion growers under Technology Dissemination through Demonstration (TDTD) and Vegetable Seed Production (VSP) programmes.