

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF ONION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of onion in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there is any decline in onion production during the said period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of onion in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (c): A statement giving the details of onion production in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, is annexed. In recent years, total production of onion in the country has ranged from 12.19 to 13.9 million tones.

(d): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, viz.,

(i) Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and

(ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for the holistic development of horticulture crops including onion by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach. Under these schemes, financial assistance is available for production of vegetable seeds, integrated pest & nutrient management, organic farming, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development, mechanization, primary/mobile processing, development of infrastructure for post harvest management including cold storages and marketing. Assistance for cultivation of onion is also provided under the HMNEH Scheme.