

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of fruits and vegetables in the country vis-a-vis their exports have increased during 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the remedial steps taken/being taken by the Government to increase the production as well as export of fruits and vegetables?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) to (c): The details of production of fruits & vegetables in the country and their export during 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as below:-

| | 2008-09 | | 2009-10 | |
|--|---------|------------|---------|------------|
| | Fruits | Vegetables | Fruits | Vegetables |

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|------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| Production | 68.47 | 129.08 | 71.52 | 134.10 |
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(Million MT)

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| Export | 2.17 | 0.47 | 2.08 | 0.47 |
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(Million MT)

(d): In order to increase the production of fruits and vegetables, the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes viz. Horticulture Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States (HMNEH) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in remaining States and Union Territories. During 2011-12, Government has launched a new programme on Vegetable. Initiative for Urban Clusters (VIUC) under the aegis of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). The Scheme is being implemented in one city each of 29 States having a population of one million and above or capital city. Initially, the programme will be implemented for a period of one year (2011-12). The steps taken to increase the export of fruits and vegetables include setting up of pack houses, Centre for Perishable Cargo at major exit airports and Vapour Heat Treatment Facility, market access initiative, training and awareness programmes etc.