

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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GINGER CULTIVATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production and average price of ginger in the country during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government is aware that the ginger farmers are committing suicide due to heavy loss in ginger cultivation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to introduce any scheme for these farmers in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): The production of ginger and its average price in the country during the last three years is as below:

| Year | Production (000' MT) | Average Price (Rs/quintal) |
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| 2008-09 | 610.38 | 9212.00 |
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| 2009-10 | 679.29 | 12760.00 |
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| 2010-11 | 701.99 | 18832.00 |
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The state wise production of ginger during the last three years is given at Annexure.

(b) to (e): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation implements Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities, which are not covered under Price Support Scheme and are generally perishable in nature. The purpose of implementation of MIS is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sales in the event of a bumper crop, when there is glut in the market, causing prices to fall below economic levels/cost of production. The losses, if any, incurred by the procuring agencies are shared between the Central Government and the State Government concerned on 50:50 basis.

The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is also implementing two centrally sponsored schemes namely (i) Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States and (ii) National Horticulture Mission for the holistic development of horticulture crops including ginger by adopting an area based regionally differentiated cluster approach. Under these schemes, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities such as production of quality seed, integrated pest and nutrient management, post harvest management and establishment of marketing infrastructure, etc.