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MEETING ON FOOD PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a review meeting was held with the States to give a boost to food production in some regions including Andhra Pradesh;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps being taken so far in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): National Conference on Agriculture for Kharif campaign 2012 was held on 5th & 6th March, 2012 with the states including Andhra Pradesh to discuss strategies for enhancing production of crops in the ensuing Kharif season.

In the meeting, prospects of current rabi season and strategies for coming Kharif season were discussed and planning for Kharif was finalized. State-wise critical input supply position such as seeds, credit, fertilizer availability, reservoir position was also reviewed. Besides, states were also advised to be ready with the contingency plans for adverse weather conditions that may prevail in coming Kharif due to late arrival/ delay of monsoon. The states were also apprised of new research products of ICAR that could be adopted in the farmers field.

Based on the state action plans, arrangement for release of funds from various crop development schemes was firmed up.