GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:840 ANSWERED ON:27.11.2012 KHARIF AND RABI CROPS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production of Kharif and Rabi crops during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and cropwise;
- (b) whether there is a shortfall in the production of kharif crops during the current season as compared to the corresponding period last year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, crop-wise along with the reasons therefor indicating the impact of monsoon failure;
- (d) whether the Government has formulated any contingency plan to overcome the shortfall in agricultural production during the current year; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

- (a): State-wise and crop-wise details of production of major Kharif and Rabi crops during the last three years and the current year, i.e., 2009-10 to 2012-13 are given in the Annexure.
- (b) & (c): Due to delayed/deficient monsoon, the production of kharif crops during the current year has declined. Details of production of major kharif crops during the current year i.e. 2012-13 (1st advance estimates) vis-Ã -vis their production during the last year i.e. 2011-12 (4th advance estaimates) alongwith increase/ decrease in production during the current year are as under:

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Crop Production (Million Tonnes) 2012-13 \#\ 2011-12 @\ Increase(+)/Decrease(-) \\ 1 2 3 4 (=2-3)
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Rice 85.59 91.53 -5.94
Coaarse Cereals 26.33 32.26 -5.93
Pulses 5.26 6.16 -0.90
Foodgrains 117.18 129.94 -12.76
Oilseeds 18.78 20.79 -2.01
Sugarcane 335.33 357.67 -22.34
Cotton\$ 33.4 35.20 -1.80

#1st advance estimates

@4th advance estimataes \$ Million bales of 170 kg each.

- (d) & (e): To overcome the shortfall in agricultural production during 2012-13, the States were suggested to prepare district-wise Contingency Plans based on the Contingency Agriculture Plan prepared by Department of Agriculture & Cooperation for Kharif, 2010. States were advised to take into account districts-specific Crop Contingent Plans, developed by Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture
- (CRIDA) and Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), while finalizing the Contingency Plans for 2012. Further, the States have also been advised to achieve higher Rabi Production through additional area coverage in the major crop producing States of the country.