

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF APPLE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of apple has been greatly reduced in the country during the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to boost the production and export of apples and prevent the crops from pests, natural calamities?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per the latest estimates, the production of apple in the country, during 2011-12, is 22.11 lakh tonnes. The details of production of apple during last three years is as under:-

Year	Production (lakh MT)
2008-09	19.85
2009-10	17.77
2010-11	28.91

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Horticulture Mission for North-East and Himalayan States (HMNEH) for the holistic development of horticulture including apple. Under the scheme, assistance is provided for enhancing production and productivity of apple through establishment of nurseries for raising quality planting material, area expansion of high yielding varieties, high density planting, rejuvenation of senile orchards, canopy management, integrated nutrient & pest management, creation of post harvest management & marketing infrastructure, setting up of processing units, etc. Assistance is also provided under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Horticulture Board (NHB) to boost the production of apple.

Agricultural & Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce provides financial assistance under various schemes on infrastructure, transport assistance, quality and research development to promote export of perishables including apple.