

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2898
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CULTIVATION OF MENTHA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the area and production of mentha registered in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been a decline in the production of mentha in various parts of the country including Uttar Pradesh during the above period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the losses suffered by the farmers in this regard; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

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

- (a): The commercial cultivation of mentha is mainly confined to the State of Uttar Pradesh. Punjab and Bihar are other states having significant areas under Mentha cultivation. Area and production of mentha oil in Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Bihar during 2009-12 are given at annexure.
- (b) to (d): As per available data there has not been any decline in the production of mentha. However, assistance is provided under National Horticulture Mission (NHM) for a maximum area of 4 ha per beneficiary, for meeting expenditure on planting material and cost of material for INM/IPM etc. The unit cost of Mentha cultivation is Rs.25,000/- per ha under the scheme and 50% assistance is admissible.