GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4082 ANSWERED ON:18.12.2012 PRODUCTION OF SOYABEAN Ahir Shri Hansraj Gangaram

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production and area under soyabean in the country, State-wise along with the rank of India in the production of soyabean in the world:
- (b) whether there are reports of distress sale of soyabean in various parts of the country including Maharashtra;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): The production and area of soyabean during the year 2011-12 in major producing States is given below:

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Production: Million Tonnes
Area: Million Hectares
S.No. State Production Area
1 Andhra Pradesh 0.21 0.13
2 Karnataka 0.18 0.20
3 Madhya Pradesh 6.28 5.67
4 Maharashtra 4.02 3.07
5 Rajasthan 1.39 0.90
6 Others 0.20 0.21
All India 12.28 10.18
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USA, Brazil, Argentina, China and India represent more than 90% of global soybean production. India ranks 5th position in the world soybean production

- (b) & (c): During current year the average ruling price of soya bean is higher in the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh than the Minimum Support Price. Therefore, no report of distress sale of soyabean has been received from any part of the country including Maharashtra.
- (d): NAFED is actively involved in soyabean procurement in these States.