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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target for production of fruits and vegetables in various States including Maharashtra, West Bengal and Karnataka during the current Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether less availability of water for irrigation in various States has adversely affected the production of vegetables and fruits;
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government along with the financial assistance provided, State-wise;
- (e) the details/quantum of vegetables and fruits including onion, tomato and potato production and the area under cultivation in the country, State-wise including Karnataka during the last three years and the current year;
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production and quality of onion, tomato and potato in various States including Karnataka;
- (g) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more research centres in the country to increase the production of onion, tomato and potato; and
- (h) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(a) to (e) Commodity wise targets for production of fruits and vegetables are not fixed by the Government of India. The State-wise details of area and production of fruits and vegetables in the country, including the States of Karnataka, Maharashtra and West Bengal during the period 2009-2013 are given in Annexure I & II which indicates that there has been no adverse impact on production of fruits and vegetables in these States.

(f) In order to increase the production and productivity of horticultural crops and a scheme on National Horticulture Mission (NHM) is being implemented in the country for the holistic development of horticulture sector, duly ensuring forward and backward linkages with the active participation of all the stake-holders since 2005-06. Assistance for development of vegetables including Onion, Tomato and Potato is available for taking up protected cultivation, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)/Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and seed production of high yielding varieties.

A new programme on Vegetable Initiative for Urban Clusters (VIUC) has been launched during 2011-12 under the aegis of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). The Scheme is being implemented in one city each of 29 States having a population of one million or closer to one million or capital City. However, in J&K State both capital cities viz. Jammu & Srinagar are included.

The Scheme covers all aspects relating to formation of farmers association/groups, training/capacity building of farmers, linking farmers group with aggregators/markets, vegetable production and supply to urban centers starting from planting material to marketing to retail level.

Besides a number of India Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) institutes and various State Agriculture Universities (SAUs) contribute to development and release of new varieties, hybrids, production technologies and transfer of technology.

(g) & (h) No, there is no proposal to set up more research centres in the country to increase the production of onion, tomato and potato.