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BANANA PLANTATION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of banana is declining continuously in the country due to severe attacks by pests, weeds and other diseases on the banana plantation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the production of banana during the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (c) whether the farmers are paid adequate compensation for their losses; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): As per the data available with Ministry of Agriculture the production of banana is not declining continuously in the country due to severe attacks by pests, weeds and other diseases on the banana plantation. However, Sigatoka (Karpa) disease in banana caused by fungus has been observed in the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu. The infection was observed only in traces in banana growing belts of these states. There are no reports to suggest that this disease has crossed threshold level in major banana growing areas in the last three years.

The production of banana during the year 2012-13 is 30.28 million tonnes as against 28.46 million tonnes last year (2011-12).

In 2009-10 and 2010-11 the production of banana was 26.47 million tonnes and 29.78 million tonnes respectively.

Production of Banana:

(in million tonnes)
2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 2012-13#
26.47 29.78 28.46 30.28
#First Estimate

State-wise production of banana during the last three years and the current year is annexed.