

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN APPLE PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that apple production is likely to be lesser by about 30 per cent in Himachal Pradesh in the current year;
- (b) if so, the comparative details thereof during the last three years along with the reasons for low production this year; and
- (c) the incentives being given by the Government to apple growers to increase the production?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): As intimated by Government of Himachal Pradesh, the apple production in the state is likely to be 30 per cent more as compared to the average production in the last three years. The year-wise production of apples in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Production (in lakh tones)
2009-10	2.80
2010-11	8.92
2011-12	2.75
2012-13	4.12

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States for overall development of horticulture including enhancing production of apple. Under the mission, assistance is provided to growers for strengthening of nurseries for production of disease free quality planting material, establishment of tissue culture units, area expansion, high density planting, rejuvenation of senile orchards, creation of water resources, integrated nutrient and pest management, pollination support through bee keeping, provision of hail nets, training, etc., to enhance production and productivity of apple orchards.