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PRODUCTION OF ONION AND POTATO

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of onion and potato during each of the last three years and the current year in various States, State-wise;
- (b) the domestic demand and supply of onion and potato during the said period; State-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the production of onion and potato has been declining during the current year;
- (d) whether the Government has given directions to the Agricultural Universities to introduce new and hybrid varieties of these items; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the other steps taken by the Government to overcome the shortage of onion and potato in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): As per available information , State wise production of onion and potato during 2010-13 is annexed. Current year estimates are not available.

(d) & (e): The Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla and the Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research, Pune under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research are mandated to undertake research work on development of new and hybrid varieties of onion and potato.

During the last five years Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla has released various high yielding varieties of potato for different agro-ecological zones.

Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan states for promotion of horticultural crops. 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.