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PRODUCTION OF PULSES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of pulses has declined in several parts of the country during the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to produce more pulses in the country?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Depending upon the area coverage, monsoon rainfall, weather situation etc, the production of pulses in the country has followed a fluctuating trend. State-wise details of production of pulses during the last three years and the current year, i.e., 2010-11 to 2012-13 and 2013-14 (kharif only) are given in the Annexure.

(c): In order to encourage farmers to produce more pulses in the country, Government of India has been implementing National Food Security Mission- Pulses (NFSM-Pulses) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY). Under NFSM, an Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) in the form of block demonstrations has been started in 16 pulses growing States of the country to take up active propagation of key technologies for improving productivity of pulses. Further, to incentivise farmers for production of pulses, the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of pulses have also been increased significantly.