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PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the production of fruits and vegetables during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (b) whether there is a constant decline in the production of fruits and vegetables in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (d) the per capita consumption and production of vegetables and fruits in India in comparison to the International level;
- (e) whether the Government has formulated any scheme for the development of horticulture in various States including Andhra Pradesh;
- (f) if so, whether the Government has formulated any action plan to include the co-operative sector in the horticulture sector; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof along with the various steps taken by the Government to increase the production of fruits and vegetables in the country?

Answer

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

(a) to (g): The statewise production of fruits and vegetables in the country during last three years and the current year is Annexed. The per capita availability and consumption of vegetables & fruits in the country is 401 g & 200 g and 111 g respectively which is comparable to the world average.

Department of Agriculture and Cooperation is implementing Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission and Horticulture Mission for North East and Himalayan States for holistic development of horticulture in the country including Andhra Pradesh. The efforts under the above mentioned schemes are supplemented by funds provided under National Horticulture Board and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

Under the missions, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to horticulture development such as production of quality planting material, area coverage through high yielding varieties, high density planting and canopy management, vegetable seed production, rejuvenation/ replanting of old and senile orchards, creation of water resources, protected cultivation, organic farming, promotion of integrated nutrient / pest management, pollination support through bee keeping, horticulture mechanization, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development, setting up of cold storages and creation of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure.