

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES AND FRUITS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the production of vegetables and fruits has not increased in proportion to the increase in foodgrains production;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether less availability of water for irrigation in various States has adversely affected the production of vegetables and fruits;
- (d) if so, the remedial steps taken by the Government along with the financial assistance provided thereon, State-wise;
- (e) the details/quantum of production of vegetables, fruits and flowers and the area under their cultivation in the country, State-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (f) the steps being taken by the Government to increase the production and quality of vegetables, fruits and flowers in various States; and
- (g) whether the Government has any proposal to set up more research centres and launch new schemes to increase the production of vegetables and fruits as well as storage infrastructure and processing facilities for such produce in the country and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. The production of fruits and vegetables was 232.74 million tones in 2011-12, 243.47 million tones in 2012-13, which is an increase of 4.61 percent. Production of foodgrains was 259.29 million tones in 2011-12 and 255.36 million tones in 2012-13 (4th advance estimates).
- (c): No, Madam.
- (d): Does not arise
- (e): A statement of area and production of vegetables, fruits and flowers during the last three years is annexed.
- (f): Government is implementing Schemes of National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan (HMNEH) for increasing production and improving quality of horticultural crops including vegetables, fruits and flowers.
- (g): Research and Development issues on vegetables are being addressed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) through its Research Centres, spread across the country. Assistance for creating cold storage facilities and primary processing for horticulture crops, including vegetable is being given under schemes of NHM, HMNEH and National Horticulture Board (NHB).