

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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DEMAND AND SUPPLY OF POTATO AND ONION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the demand and supply of potato and onion during the last three years and the current year; and
- (b) the steps proposed to be taken to meet the said demand?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The details of demand and supply of potato and onion during the last three years and consumption pattern in the country is enclosed at Annexure.

(b): The production of potato and onion were sufficient to meet the demand for consumption and other requirements. The Government is implementing two Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely National Horticulture Mission (NHM) and Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand (TMNE) for enhancing horticulture production including potato and onion, wherein an end- to-end holistic approach has been adopted covering production, post harvest management, processing and marketing to assure appropriate returns to farmers.