

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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APPLE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether apple production in the country has been greatly reduced during the last few years due to prolonged winter, unseasonal rain, flood, snow in Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by the Government to boost the production and export of apples and to prevent crop loss from pests and natural calamities and also to protect the farmers from suicides?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) & (b): There is no reduction in the production of apple in the country in the last few years. The production of last three years and the current year is given below:

States	Production (in '000 MT)		
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15 (Prov.)
Arunachal Pradesh	30.95	31.87	32.00
Himachal Pradesh	412.40	738.72	588.97
Jammu & Kashmir	1348.15	1647.69	1820.46
Nagaland	0.60	1.89	1.89
Sikkim	0.03	0.03	0.03
Tamil Nadu	0.03	0.03	0.07
Uttarakhand	123.23	77.45	77.45
Total	1915.38	2497.68	2520.86

(c): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is implementing the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture to boost the production of apple in Country.

Under the mission, financial assistance is provided for taking up various activities related to apple production i.e. area expansion, creation of water resources, horticulture mechanization, promotion of integrated nutrient & pest management, setting up of anti hail nets, technology dissemination through demonstration, human resource development and creation of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure. Assistance is also provided for setting up, up-gradation and modernization of processing units in the states of Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh.