

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:103

ANSWERED ON:03.03.2015

PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of fruits and vegetables like potato, onion and tomato is adequate to meet the domestic demand in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of demand and production of fruits and vegetables during each of the last three years and the current year, commodity and State-wise;
- (c) whether a large quantum of fruits and vegetables are being exported inspite of increase in the domestic demand and if so, the details thereof including the quantum of fruits and vegetables exported during the said period;
- (d) whether the Agricultural Universities have introduced new and hybrid varieties so as to increase the production of fruits and vegetables and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the remedial steps taken by the Government to ensure adequate supply of fruits and vegetables to the domestic consumers at reasonable rates?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RADHA MOHAN SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 103 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD MARCH, 2015.

(a) & (b): The production of fruits and vegetables is generally adequate to meet the domestic demand in the country. Details of domestic production and demand of potato, onion and tomato during the last three years and the current year are given at Annexure-I. State wise production of these commodities during the last three years and the current year is given at Annexure-II.

(c): As compared to the total production, the volume of exports in respect of these three commodities and fruits and vegetables is very small. Details are given at Annexure-III and Annexure -IV.

(d): Yes, Madam. The new and hybrid varieties developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) in cooperation with various Agricultural Universities include Kufri Garima, Kufri Gaurav, Kufri Lalit for potato, Bhima Raj and Bhima Red for onion, VRTH-101, VRTH 0801, Bhagya, KVTH-143, DARL-68, Arka Rakshak and Punjab Ratna for tomato, Ambika, Arunika for mango, Arka Amulya, Arka Kiran for guava, etc.

(e): Several measures have been undertaken to ensure adequate supply of fruits and vegetables to domestic consumers at reasonable rates including issuing advisory to all States/UTs to deregulate fruits and vegetables from the purview of Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC), launching of 'Price Stabilization Fund' for addressing price volatility in respect of essential horticulture crops, establishment of a Kisan Mandi in Delhi to provide access to produce of Farmer Producers' Organisations and Growers' Association to large consumer demand of Delhi, and implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) in the country which includes assistance for development of post harvest management and marketing infrastructure.