

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Onion Production

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is self reliant in the production of onion;

(b) if so, the demand and supply of onions during the last three years in the country along with the expected quantum of onion production during the rabi season, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether there has been a substantial damage to the onion production during the current rabi season;

(d) if so, whether the Government has increased the minimum export price of onion so as to keep down the domestic price of onion and discourage export; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the various steps taken by the Government to increase the production of onion in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): The requirement of onion for consumption in the country for the last three years is as below :-

Year Quantity in thousand metric tones

2012-13 175.25

2013-14 177.59

2014-15 179.97

Contdâ€2/-

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The production of onion during the last three years is as below :-

Year Area

(In Lakh Ha) Production

(In Lakh MT)

2012-13 10.52 168.13

2013-14 12.04 194.02

2014-15 * 11.81 189.24

* 2nd Advance Estimate

(c) to (e): The intermittent rains during the rabi season partially affected the onion production in few states to the low level of 5 to 10%, but was subdued due to 9.5% more production than requirement.

The Government has recently increased the minimum export price of onion from US\$ 250 to US\$ 425 per metric tonne to discourage the export of onion.

The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) implements various programmes to increase the production of vegetables including onion, under which financial assistance is provided to states for area expansion, seed production, integrated nutrient and pest management, organic farming, horticulture mechanization, post harvest management, marketing infrastructure, transfer of technology through demonstrations and human resource development etc.
