

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:102

ANSWERED ON:28.07.2015

Production of Vegetables and Fruits

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of vegetables and fruits in the country during the last one year, State-wise;
- (b) the schemes/programmes under implementation to boost production and productivity of vegetables and fruits;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to launch new schemes to boost the production of vegetables and fruits in the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to help the vegetables and fruits growers in marketing so that they can get remunerative prices for their produce and if so, the assistance provided by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to boost research in the field of production of vegetables and fruits in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

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(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. 102 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH JULY, 2015.

(a): The State wise production of vegetables and fruits in the country in 2014-15, is given at Annexure – I

(b) & (c): To boost the production and productivity of vegetables and fruits in the country Government is implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) which provides support for production of planting material, vegetable seed production, vegetable cultivation, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, creation of infrastructure to prevent post harvest losses of horticultural crops and adoption of Integrated Nutrient Management (INM)/Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Assistance for increasing horticulture production is also being provided under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) scheme.

(d): Several measures have been undertaken to help the vegetables and fruits growers in marketing of their products so that they can get remunerative prices for their products. These include issuing advisory to all States/UTs to deregulate fruits and vegetables from the purview of Agriculture Produce Market Committee (APMC), establishment of a Kisan Mandi in Delhi to provide access to produce of Farmer Producers' Organisations and Growers' Association to meet large consumer demand of Delhi, and implementing Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH). This Mission includes assistance for development of Post Harvest Management (PHM) and marketing infrastructure. Further, National Agriculture Market (NAM) is envisaged as a pan-India electronic trading portal which seeks to network the existing APMC and other market yards to create a unified national market for agricultural commodities. Details of the nature of assistance being provided by the Government are given at Annexure II.

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(e): In order to boost research in the field of production of vegetables and fruits in the country, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) with its 15 Horticultural Research Institutes/Directorates/National Research Centres and 8 All India Coordinated Research Programmes (AICRPs)/All India Network Programmes (AINPs) undertakes basic strategic, applied and adaptive research on horticultural crops in the country, including protected cultivation for nursery production and vegetable production, use of micronutrient formulation and development of crop-specific micronutrients in different vegetables and fruits production. To boost the research consortia research programs, net work programs and flagship programs have also been undertaken.