

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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Onion Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total production of red onion in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether there has been an increase/ decrease in the production of onion during the said period, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government of Maharashtra presents its report related to costs and prices of onions every year to the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP);
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the costs and prices of onions submitted to the said Commission during the last three years and the current year;
- (e) the details of the wholesale and retail price of red onion during the last three years and the current year and the number of times the Minimum Export Price (MEP) of red onion has been increased during the said period; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to promote the production of red onion in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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- (a): The details of the total production of onion including red onion in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise is given in Annexure – I.
- (b): Onion production during the year 2014-15 has marginally decreased by 2.46% compared to 2013-14 production and during the year 2013-14 it was more by 15.39% compared to 2012-13.
- (c) & (d): No, Madam. Because the onion crop is not covered under minimum support price (MSP).

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(e): The details of average price of onion in important markets during the last three years is given at Annexure – II. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade has increased the Minimum Export Price of onion seven times during the last three years and the current year (from June, 2012 to June, 2015).

(f): The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH) implements various programmes to increase the production of 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.