## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA AGRICULTURE LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2416 ANSWERED ON:04.08.2015 Production of Sesame and Mustard Bohara Shri Ramcharan

## Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production and acreage of sesame and mustard in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the production of said crops has risen in the country during the said period and if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the measures taken by the Government to encourage the farmers to raise the production of sesame and mustard in the country?

## **Answer**

## MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

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- (a) & (b): Depending upon yearly variations in the area coverage due to comparative profitability of other competing crops and productivity on account of rainfall situation, weather conditions, irrigations facilities, use of quality inputs, etc., the production of sesame (sesamum) and rapeseed & mustard in the country during last three years and the current year i.e. 2011-12 to 2014-15 has followed a fluctuating trend. State-wise details of production and acreage of sesame and rapeseed & mustard in the country during the above period are given in the Annexure.
- (c): In order to increase production and productivity of oilseed crops including sesame and rapeseed & mustard in the country, Government of India is providing financial support to farmers under Mini-Mission-I (MM-I) of National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) launched in April 2014. The financial assistance provided under MM-I of NMOOP includes production and distribution of seeds, supply of mini-kits, block demonstrations, farmers' training, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, water carrying pipes, supply of seeds storage bins, seed treatment drums, bio-pesticides, micro-nutrients etc.