LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.6195 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 11TH APRIL, 2017

MUSHROOM PRODUCTION

6195. SHRI BHARAT SINGH: SHRI MANSHANKAR NINAMA: DR. RAMESH POKHRIYAL "NISHANK":

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè

be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of mushroom being produced in various States of the country and the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to grow special species/ varieties of mushroom in Himalayan States including Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir;

(c) if so, the total number of farmers benefited under the scheme so far;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up food processing units in the country which will be linked with the mushroom production, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether the Government has set up any monitoring mechanism to meet the challenges of slow implementation of agricultural and horticultural schemes in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): The details are provided at Annexure-I.

(b): Government, under its scheme called Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), provides incentives to Mushroom growing farmers across the country including Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu and Kashmir. The Directorate of Mushroom Research, SOLAN (Himachal Pradesh) is mandated to develop different varieties & species of Mushroom like button mushroom (DMR-03, DMR-06, NBS-1, NBS-5) and Shiitake mushroom (DMR-Shiitake-388 and DMR-Shiitake – 38). These varieties, developed by them, have been promoted through State Extension Divisions for adoption in temperate climate Himalayan regions of Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir.

(c): The total number of growers of mushroom, as available, are provided at Annexure-I.

(d): Currently, there is no such scheme under consideration in the Ministry of Food Processing Industries to set up new food processing units in the country which will be linked with mushroom production.

(e): The implementation of various Agricultural and Horticultural schemes in the country is fast and has gained momentum in the past two and half years. These State level schemes for Horticulture are being monitored regularly through National Level General Council under Chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister, Executive Committee headed by Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Cooperation & Farmers Welfare. The implementation in the States is being monitored through State Level Executive Committees, District Mission Committee & Panchayati Raj Institutions. Similar monitoring mechanisms exist for Agricultural schemes as well.

Annexure-I

Mushroom Production in India (Tonnes)		
States	Total	No. of Growers
1. Andhra Pradesh	3,515	40
2. Arunachal Pradesh	26	24
3. Assam	125	400
4. Bihar	2600	65
5. Chhattisgarh	344	46
6. Delhi	3070	15
6. Goa	4220	20
7. Gujarat	11200	25
8. Haryana	15,100	247
9. Himachal Pradesh	9,150	900
10. J&K	630	135
11. Jharkhand	220	20
12. Karnataka	1180	120
13. Kerala	800	130
14. Maharashtra	12,050	350
15. Madhya Pradesh	15	5
16. Manipur	60	30
17. Meghalaya	27	14
18. Mizoram	50	6
19. Nagaland	325	18
20. Orissa	15,986	255
21. Punjab	18,000	315
22. Rajasthan	1300	412
23. Sikkim	3	2
24. Tamil Nadu	10,000	600
25. Tripura	100	6
26. Uttarakhand	10,236	300
27. Uttar Pradesh	7,100	120
28. West Bengal	2050	260
Union Territories		
1. A&N Islands	300	20
Total	1,29,782	4990

Source: ICAR- Directorate of Mushroom Research, Chambaghat, Solan (H.P.).