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BANANA PRODUCTION

5254. SHRI P.R. SUNDARAM:
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ऋदृŞãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâããè be pleased to state:

- the total acreage of banana production in the country and the number of States which produce banana along with their production during each of the last three years and the current year;
- the number of centres established by the Government under the National Agricultural Research and Education System;
- whether banana farmers are constantly suffering financial loss due to drought and other calamities resulting in reduced production of banana;
- if so, whether the Government has provided financial assistance and other packages to farmers to increase production of banana and mitigate the loss; and
- the measures taken/being taken by the Government to enhance the production of banana so that the country could hold number one position in banana production?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): As per 1st Advance Horticulture Estimates the total acreage of Banana Production in the country is 85.1 lakh ha. The state-wise details of area and production of banana during the last three years and the current year are given in Annexure-I.

(b): The Government has established ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana (NRCB), Trichy, Tamil Nadu during 1993 for undertaking research and development activities on banana. Apart from this, 10 Banana Research Stations are working under All India Coordinated Research Project on Fruits ie. Arabhavi (Karnataka), Bhubaneshwar (Odisha), Coimbatore (T.N.), Gandevi (Gujarat), Jalgaon (Maharashtra), Jorhat (Assam), Kannara(Kerala), Kovvur (Andhra Pradesh), Mohanpur(Bihar) and Pusa (Delhi) to cater to the needs of the region specific problems of the country.

(c) & (d): Occasionally, the banana farmers are suffering from financial loss due to natural calamities like, drought, flood, and strong wind and whirl wind. The Governments assess the financial loss whenever such calamities occur in a larger proportion and compensation is paid accordingly.

(e): The ICAR – NRCB, Tiruchirapalli (T.N.) has developed many improved production, protection, post harvest and value added products technologies, which have been transferred to the banana farmers, entrepreneurs and stakeholders. It has also developed many varieties including high yielding variety 'Udhayam' and drought tolerant variety 'Saba' and are being popularized amongst the farmers.

The Centre has developed pre and post harvest techniques for the export of banana and these techniques are adopted by the banana farmers widely across the country.

Apart from the above, Govt. of India, under its centrally sponsored scheme of MIDH, is incentivizing various interventions such as production of good quality planting materials, coverage of area with improved cultivars, creation of water resources, adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), capacity building of farmers etc are being made for enhancement of quality production and productivity of horticulture crops including banana.

All the above measures will lead to enhanced production of banana and the country would be able retain its No.1 position in banana production globally.

ANNEXURE-I

BANANA PRODUCTION FROM 2014-15 TO 2017-18 (Provisional)

STATES/UTs	2014-15		2015-16		2016-17		2017-18 (Provisional)	
	A	P	A	P	A	P	A	P
ANDHRA PRADESH	79.36	3487.31	75.72	3570.62	88.17	4672.75	85.12	4511.41
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	6.50	20.00	5.42	31.64	2.45	17.47	2.47	17.65
ASSAM	51.28	865.67	51.10	882.71	49.27	854.85	55.53	985.59
BIHAR	35.00	1535.00	34.80	1535.30	35.07	1527.85	35.07	1527.85
CHHATISGARH	23.87	564.43	25.76	587.42	26.12	609.21	27.42	640.69
GUJARAT	67.02	4324.36	64.69	4185.52	66.31	4293.23	66.97	4336.17
HARYANA								
HIMACHAL PRADESH	0.09	0.29	0.09	0.42	0.08	0.35	0.084	0.308
JAMMU & KASHMIR								
JHARKHAND	0.54	1.30	12.53	33.28	9.06	31.63	9.03	31.41
KARNATAKA	102.89	2593.33	96.63	2370.95	99.46	2446.03	104.00	2568.33
KERALA	83.98	1270.57	84.56	1292.41	84.98	1250.55	83.39	1225.54
MADHYA PRADESH	27.80	1836.00	28.35	1758.05	26.97	1876.45	27.24	1895.22
MAHARASHTRA	74.03	4030.58	69.55	3025.15	81.34	3888.90	77.62	4028.65
MANIPUR	6.99	94.22	6.95	93.95	8.19	109.82	8.24	110.19
MEGHALAYA	7.06	88.70	7.11	88.71	7.24	94.32	7.32	97.24
MIZORAM	10.87	141.00	10.91	141.03	11.00	141.04	11.21	143.84
NAGALAND	7.32	109.80	7.25	108.51	8.32	116.98	8.33	108.63
ODISHA	24.76	469.25	24.47	462.71	24.46	466.44	24.56	466.94
PUNJAB	0.35	10.12	0.11	6.43	0.09	5.27	0.09	5.27
RAJASTHAN	0.13	7.51	0.03	0.41	0.04	0.35	0.04	0.38
SIKKIM	0.03	0.25	1.15	3.56	1.21	3.87	1.22	1.06
TAMIL NADU	0.00	0.00	94.61	4331.65	94.98	3499.48	85.198	2886.818
TELANGANA	95.24	4147.18	4.65	183.70	2.06	73.00	2.28	75.43
TRIPURA	8.95	325.52	14.62	153.62	10.80	115.28	10.81	115.43
UTTAR PRADESH	13.99	141.31	67.00	3061.21	69.10	3160.82	69.24	3166.51
UTTARAKHAND	42.59	1990.58					0.00	0.00
WEST BENGAL			48.07	1172.34	48.07	1172.34	49.10	1198.53
TOTAL	770.64	28054.28	836.13	29081.3	854.81	30428.25	851.57	30145.05
