GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2658 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9TH JULY. 2019

LITCHI PRODUCTION

2658. SHRI ANTO ANTONY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any record regarding litchi production in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the production of litchi during the last five years, year-wise and State-wise; and
- (c) whether there are some apprehensions that the consumption of litchi is harmful to health, if so, the details thereof including the details of any study conducted in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) & (b): The details of Litchi production in the country during the last five years, yearwise and State-wise is given at Annexure.
- (c): The link between Litchi consumption and its harmful effect on health is inconclusive. A comprehensive study incorporating various other aspects of aetiology has been initiated by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare under Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). Details are awaited.

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 2658 on "Litchi Production" due for reply on 09. 07.2019

State-wise Production of Litchi						
Production in '000 MT						
SI. No.	STATES/UTs	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (2nd Adv. Est.)
1	BIHAR	198.00	198.00	198.64	282.27	290.72
2	WEST BENGAL	76.75	75.28	77.65	79.00	79.22
3	JHARKHAND	58.81	40.01	47.80	64.99	71.40
4	ASSAM	48.73	49.60	49.83	50.24	57.69
5	CHHATISGARH	39.15	45.38	49.92	52.17	53.32
6	PUNJAB	32.11	34.88	37.64	43.96	46.94
7	UTTARAKHAND	19.74	23.74	24.02	24.27	24.28
8	ODISHA	20.30	20.32	20.36	20.48	20.48
9	OTHERS	34.68	71.56	62.34	69.07	66.34
	ALL INDIA TOTAL	528.26	558.77	568.20	686.45	710.39
