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LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3586
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 10TH DECEMBER, 2019
INCREASE IN PRODUCTION OF HORTICULTURE CROPS

3586. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

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

- (a) whether the production of horticulture crops like vegetables, flowers, etc. has increased during the years 2016- 17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- (b) if so, the details of production of potatoes, tomatoes and onions during the said period;
- (c) whether the farmers are getting good price for their produce when there is bumper crop production; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्री (SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a): Yes Sir, the production of horticulture crops has increased in recent years in the country.
- (b): The details of production of potatoes, tomatoes and onions during the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19 is as under:-

Horticulture Crops	Production in Lakh Tonnes		
	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19 (3 rd Adv. Est.)
Potato	486.05	513.10	530.27
Tomato	207.08	197.59	193.97
Onion	224.27	232.62	234.85

(c) & (d): Horticulture crops are usually remunerative. However, in few cases, where the production has been bumper and the prices are non-remunerative, Government is implementing a Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities which are perishable in nature and are not covered under the price support scheme (PSS). The objective of intervention is to protect the growers of these commodities from making distress sale in the event of bumper crop during the peak arrival period when the prices tend to fall below economic levels and cost of production.

