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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FARMERS WELFARE  
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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2279**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022

**LOW PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

2279. SHRI MANSUKHBHAI DHANJIBHAI VASAVA:

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

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that the production of vegetables and fruits has not increased in ratio to the production of food grains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the low availability of water for irrigation has caused adverse impact on the production of vegetables and fruits in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details of the corrective steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

**ANSWER**

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि और किसान कल्याण मंत्री ( SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

- (a) & (b) The production of food grains in the country has increased by 12.95% over the last five years from 275.11 LakhMetric Tonne in 2016-17 to 310.74 Lakh Metric Tonnein 2020-21.The production of fruits and vegetables over the same period recorded a growth of 10.76% from 271.09 Lakh Metric Tonnein 2016-17 to 300.26 Lakh Metric Tonne in 2020-21 (3rd Advance Estimate). The details are given below:

Year	Production (in Lakh Metric Tonne)				% growth over previous year	
	Food grains*	Fruits <sup>#</sup>	Vegetables <sup>#</sup>	Fruits & Vegetables <sup>#</sup>	Food grains	Fruits & Vegetables
2016-17	275.11	92.92	178.17	271.09	-	-
2017-18	285.01	96.45	184.04	280.49	3.60	3.47
2018-19	285.21	97.97	183.17	281.14	0.07	0.23
2019-20	297.50	102.08	188.28	290.36	4.31	3.28
2020-21 <sup>\$</sup>	310.74	103.03	197.23	300.26	4.45	3.41

\* Source for estimates of production of Food grains: DES, DA&FW

<sup>#</sup> Source for estimates of production of Fruits & Vegetables: Horticulture Statistics Division, DA&FW

<sup>\$</sup> The estimates of production of Fruits & Vegetables for the year 2020-21 is as per the 3rd advance estimates

(c) & (d) No report of adverse impact on production of fruits and vegetables due to low availability of water for irrigation has been received so far.

The Department of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare is implementing Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) component of Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) which is operational from 2015-16 in the Country. The PMKSY-Per Drop More Crop mainly focuses on water use efficiency at farm level through micro irrigation (Drip and Sprinkler Irrigation System).

With a view to provide impetus to the Micro Irrigation in the country, Micro Irrigation Fund (MIF) with a corpus of Rs. 5000 Crore was created with NABARD during 2018-19. The major objective of the fund is to facilitate the States in mobilizing the resources to provide top up/additional incentives to farmers for incentivising micro irrigation beyond the provisions available under PMKSY-PDMC. States may also access MIF exclusively for innovative integrated projects (like high water duty crops like sugarcane/solar linked systems/Micro irrigation in command area etc.) including projects in PPP mode depending on State specific requirements.

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