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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4072 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25TH MARCH, 2025

PRODUCTION OF GREEN VEGETABLE IN BIHAR

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

(a) whether there is substantial increase in the production of green vegetables in Bihar, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government has initiated any measures to boost the production of green vegetables such as onion, potato, bitter gourd, spinach, capsicum, etc. so that financial capability of farmers can be improved, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details about the financial grant given to the State of Bihar to boost the production of green vegetables?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण राज्य मंत्री (SHRI RAMNATH THAKUR)

(a): Yes, Sir. The production of vegetables in Bihar has increased by nearly 25% from 144.24 Lakh Metric Tonne in 2014-15 to 179.87 Lakh Metric Tonne in 2024-25 (1st Advance Estimate). The details are given in **Annexure**.

(b): The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, is being implemented w.e.f. 2014-15 for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo, in all States and UTs. The Mission envisages production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including vegetables through various interventions. Activities such as production of planting material, coverage of area with improved cultivars, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, including insitu generation of organic inputs are taken up under MIDH. Capacity building of farmers and technicians are also provided for adopting improved technologies. The Scheme also envisages creation of Post-Harvest Management (PHM) and marketing for better price realization of produce for farmers.

Under MIDH, assistance is also extended for seed production for vegetables @ 100% to the maximum cost of Rs. 50,000 per hectare for open pollinated crops and Rs. 1.80 Lakh per Hectare for hybrid seeds for public sector. In case of private sector, assistance is provided @ 35% of the maximum cost in general areas and 50% in North Eastern & Himalayan States, Tribal Sub Plans (TSP) areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands.

Under MIDH, assistance is provided for area expansion of Hybrid vegetables @ 40% to the maximum cost of Rs. 60,000 per hectare for maximum area of 2 hectare per beneficiary in general areas and in case of North Eastern and Himalayan States, Tribal Sub Plans areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance is 50% of the maximum cost. Assistance is also extended for area expansion of Onion and Garlic in open pollinated @ 40% to the maximum cost of Rs. 50,000 per hectare for maximum area of 2 hectare per beneficiary in general areas and in case of North Eastern and Himalayan States, Tribal Sub Plans areas, Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep Islands, assistance is 50% of the maximum cost. In case of vibrant villages assistance is provided @ 80% of the maximum cost.

(c): The details of funds released to the State of Bihar under MIDH during the last five years for carrying out various activities related to holistic development of horticulture in the State including boosting the production of green vegetables is as under:

(Rs. in Crore)

Year	Fund Released (Government of India Share)	
2019-20	15.15	
2020-21	15.87	
2021-22	9.60	
2022-23	15.00	
2023-24	14.06	

Statement annexed to part (a) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4072 due for answer on 25th March, 2025 regarding 'Production of Green Vegetable in Bihar'

<u>Annexure</u>

Crop-wise Production of Vegetables in Bihar in 2014-15 and 2024-25 (1st Advance Estimate)

	(Production in '000 Metric Tonne)	
Сгор	2014-15	2024-25 (1 st Advance Estimate)
Beans	109.30	231.42
Bittergourd	67.25	93.44
Bottlegourd	631.54	663.91
Brinjal	1141.57	1127.00
Cabbage	695.33	799.15
Carrot	53.45	151.33
Cauliflower	1003.55	1256.40
Chillies(Green)	418.33	490.81
Cucumber	67.04	41.62
Elephant Foot Yam	36.16	58.33
Mushroom	0.06	42.52
Okra/LadyFinger	762.90	874.91
Onion	1247.31	1290.01
Parwal/Pointed gourd	69.72	111.08
Peas	65.85	68.28
Potato	6345.56	8842.63
Radish	246.55	236.43
Pumpkin/Sitaphal/Kaddu	12.65	19.01
Sweet Potato	8.34	44.77
Tomato	1046.44	1193.43
Other Vegetables	395.56	350.91
Vegetables (Total)	14424.45	17987.39

Source: Horticulture Statistics Unit, DA&FW
