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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1621
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 8TH MARCH, 2016

ONION PRODUCTION

1621. SHRI CH. MALLA REDDY:

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

- (a) the details of the production of onion during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (b) the domestic demand and supply of onions during the said period;
- (c) the quantity and value of onion procured by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and other agencies directly from farmers during the said period;
- (d) whether the Government has banned export of onion so as to ensure adequate availability of onion for domestic consumption; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to arrest the trend of fall in price of onion in some States?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

कृषि एवं किसान कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

- (a): The details of the production of onion during each of the last three years and the current year in the country, State/UT-wise are at Annexure-I.
- (b): The details of domestic demand and supply of onion during the last three years and the current year are at Annexure-II.
- (c): In the current year 2015-16, the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) and Small Farmers' Agri Business Consortium (SFAC) together procured 6011 MT of onion at a total cost of Rs.13.76 crore. The procurement was done from Farmer Producer Organisation (FPOs)' Mandis and farmers.
- (d): No, Madam.

(e): The steps taken by the government to arrest the trend of fall in prices of onion are as under:-

- Assistance is provided for development of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing such as storages, Wholesale Markets, Rural Primary Market, Kisan Mandies, etc.
- Facilitating direct marketing, contract farming, setting up of private markets, farmer consumer markets and e-markets.
- Implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities including onion, under which losses, if any, are shared between the Central Government and the State Government concerned on 50:50 basis.
- Providing market information to farmers on prices and arrivals of agricultural commodities in regulated markets on AGMARKNET portal to enable the farmers to get better remunerative prices.
- Export of onion is free, subject to a Minimum Export Price (MEP) announced by the Government from time to time. To boost exports, recently a new scheme has been launched namely "Merchandize Exports from India (MEIS)" under Foreign Trade Policy 2015-20, wherein the exporters/farmers are incentivized for export of their goods/products including onion and grapes to specified markets.

State-Wise Production of Onion

STATE/UTs	Production in '000 Tonnes			
	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16(P)
ANDHRA PRADESH	1560.06	1004.55	575.58	895.59
ASSAM	30.90	28.81	32.42	189.92
BIHAR	1107.84	1304.16	1247.31	2142.40
CHHATISGARH	269.28	309.54	308.10	308.10
DAMAN & DIU	-	-	-	0.04
DELHI	15.50	17.07	18.05	17.73
GUJARAT	704.38	1851.22	1126.55	1126.55
HARYANA	604.47	672.17	640.22	667.12
HIMACHAL PRADESH	39.36	43.71	39.36	39.36
JAMMU & KASHMIR	65.27	65.27	65.27	65.27
JHARKHAND	322.15	320.53	322.73	322.73
KARNATAKA	2395.90	2065.16	3227.04	2985.75
KERALA	-	-	0.18	0.18
MADHYA PRADESH	2691.00	2826.02	2842.00	2848.00
MAHARASHTRA	4660.00	5864.04	5361.00	5803.00
MANIPUR	-	4.05	5.09	5.03
MEGHALAYA	3.95	4.13	4.30	4.30
MIZORAM	3.96	3.74	10.00	10.00
NAGALAND	6.00	7.70	7.70	7.70
ODISHA	419.09	432.05	395.96	369.45
PUDUCHERRY	0.09	0.11	0.10	0.25
PUNJAB	183.65	185.40	188.18	188.18
RAJASTHAN	476.21	704.96	960.78	800.07
SIKKIM	1.71	1.72	1.72	1.72
TAMIL NADU	429.72	472.69	259.63	246.55
TELANGANA	-	424.22	450.54	450.54
TRIPURA	-	-	2.59	2.59
UTTAR PRADESH	474.01	409.96	413.60	413.60
UTTARAKHAND	39.40	35.86	41.28	41.28
WEST BENGAL	309.10	342.85	380.15	380.15
TOTAL	16813.0	19401.68	18927.41	20333.13

Source: Department of Agriculture Coopn & Farmers Welfare P: Provisional

Annexure-II

Demand and Supply of Onion in India

(Unit: In '000 Tonnes)

Onion	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16
Annual Demand*	18252	18503	18488	18810
Supply (Production)	16813	19402	18927	20333

Source:

Supply (Production):- Department of Agriculture, Coopn & FW

* Estimated Demand includes Personal domestic consumption based on NSSO Survey 2011-12, Exports, Processing, bulk consumption and wastages
