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

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2914 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 15TH MARCH, 2016

PRODUCTION OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

2914. SHRI PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãðŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããè be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of fruits and vegetables in the country is more than the requirement for domestic consumption;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard;
- (c) the average quantity of fruits and vegetables produced on annual basis across the country during the last three years, State-wise; and
- (d) the average foreign exchange earned by the Government per year from the export of these fruits and vegetables during the said period?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE ‡ãoŠãäÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâ¨ããÊã¾ã ½ãñâ À㕾ã ½ãâ¨ããè (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIYA)

- (a): Yes, Madam.
- (b): Government is taking several steps to boost exports, ensure better marketing and post harvest management of fruits and vegetables. Some of these are as under:
 - 1) 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 fruits and vegetables to specified markets.
 - 2) Implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural and horticultural commodities including fruits and vegetables, in case of distress selling by farmers, when production is above 10% as compared to previous year.

- 3) Assistance is provided for development of infrastructure for post harvest management and marketing such as storages, wholesale markets, rural primary market, Kisan Mandis, etc.
- 4) Facilitating direct marketing, contract farming, setting up of private markets, farmer consumer markets and e-markets.
- (c): The average quantity of fruits and vegetables produced on annual basis across the country during the last three years, State-wise; is at **Annexure-I**.
- (d): The average foreign exchange earned by the Government per year from the export of these fruits and vegetables during the said period is as under:-

(In Million USD)

	3 Years' Annual Average
Fruits	489.06
Vegetables	769.73

Source: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)

Annexure-I

State-Wise 3 Years' Average of Production of Fruits and vegetables

	Production (In '000 Tonnes)	
	3 Years' Average	
STATE/UTs	Fruits	Vegetables
	114.10	
ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	30.7	48.9
ANDHRA PRADESH	11190.4	8282.3
ARUNACHAL PRADESH	321.6	37.9
ASSAM	2037.3	3638.9
BIHAR	4084.3	15296.9
CHHATTISGARH	1901.2	5424.0
D & N HAVELI	0.0	5.5
DAMAN & DIU	0.9	1.3
DELHI	0.2	422.7
GOA	81.7	80.8
GUJARAT	8238.6	11317.7
HARYANA	591.5	5294.3
HIMACHAL PRADESH	724.7	1580.8
JAMMU & KASHMIR	1865.2	1395.5
JHARKHAND	892.6	4280.9
KARNATAKA	6690.6	8057.0
KERALA	2675.8	2888.2
LAKSHADWEEP	0.5	0.4
MADHYA PRADESH	5755.0	13264.1
MAHARASHTRA	11444.1	8984.3
MANIPUR	492.6	253.0
MEGHALAYA	347.3	484.2
MIZORAM	329.3	254.9
NAGALAND	366.0	397.5
ODISHA	2171.7	9437.1
PUDUCHERRY	12.6	28.3
PUNJAB	1562.8	3962.1
RAJASTHAN	678.1	1140.3
SIKKIM	16.0	132.4
TAMILNADU	6677.9	8032.6
TELANGANA	3242.9	2217.5
TRIPURA	767.8	781.9
UTTAR PRADESH	6540.9	21412.2

UTTARAKHAND	756.7	1062.0
WEST BENGAL	3132.0	24955.5
TOTAL	85621.4	164853.9

Source: Horticulture Statistics Division, DAC&FW
