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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
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**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3891**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 9<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST, 2016

**HIKE IN VEGETABLES AND FRUITS PRICES**

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SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:  
SHRI SUMEDHANAND SARSWATI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE **₹āđŠāāÓā एवं किसान कल्याण**  
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be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that prices of fruits and vegetables including onion, potato and tomato have increased manifold during the last three months and these have become unaffordable for the common man, if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (b) the total stock of onion, tomato and potato available in the market as of date along with the plan made by the Government for off season supply of fruits and vegetables to curb the price rise;
- (c) whether the Government is aware that there is a gap between the demand and supply in vegetable sector which causes the increase in their prices, if so, the details thereof along with the production, demand and supply of onion, potato and tomato during each of the last three years, State-wise and the steps taken to bridge the demand-supply gap;
- (d) whether the Government is aware that hoarding of vegetables is the main reason for increase in the price rise, if so, the action taken by the Government against the hoarders of vegetables; and
- (e) the comprehensive steps as well as long term and short term measures taken by the Government to promote the production and supply of fruits and vegetables and to bring down their prices?

## ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Price of fruits and vegetables differs from place to place and depends on various factors such as seasonality of production, quality of produce, mismatch in demand and supply etc.. The all India average retail price of major fruits and vegetables for the last three months are as under:

( Rs. /kg)

Commodity	May,16	June,16	July,16	% Variation in July over May
1	2	3	4	5
Onion	15.8	16.9	18.0	13.7
Potato	20.3	22.7	24.6	21.2
Tomato	28.9	48.8	42.6	47.6
Apple	122.0	135.9	130.6	7.0
Banana	33.2	33.7	35.0	5.3

Source:- National Horticulture Board (NHB)

(b) to (d): State-wise production of potato, onion and tomato for last three years is at annexure. Creation of a buffer stock of essential vegetables like onion for release into the market to curb prices is a measure taken by the government.

All India production and demand of potato, onion and tomato for the last three years is given below :

(In '000 Tonnes)

Commodity	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*
<b>Potato</b>				
Production	45344	41555	48009	45599
Demand	30847	31320	31777	34358
<b>Onion</b>				
Production	16813	19402	18927	20214
Demand	14889	14623	14064	14687
<b>Tomato</b>				
Production	18227	18736	16385	18165
Demand	11764	12018	11966	12114

\*: Provisional

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Above table shows that production of potato, onion and tomato is more than demand and there is no gap from supply side, during the year. However, in certain periods of the year, there are price fluctuations caused by demand supply mismatches. There is no question of hoarding as there is no stock limit on vegetables.

(e): The Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering all the horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables. Under MIDH, assistance is provided for long term and short term measures to promote the production and supply of fruits and vegetables through production of quality planting material and of hybrid vegetables, import of high quality seeds, setting up and modernization of nurseries. setting up and strengthening of tissue culture units, establishment of new gardens/orchards and plantations, rejuvenation of old and senile orchards, post harvest management which includes primary processing units, minimal processing units, ripening chamber, reefer vehicle, to minimize losses and for value addition. It also includes creation of water resources, adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming and capacity building of farmers and technicians for adopting improved technologies. Other Government measures include facilitating direct marketing, farmer consumer markets and e-markets.

## ANNEXURE

Annexure referred in Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 3891 for Answer on 09.08.2016

## State-wise Production of Potato, Onion and Tomato

( in '000 MT)

STATES/UTs	POTATO			ONION			TOMATO		
	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16*
ANDAMAN NICOBAR							0.70	0.76	0.65
ANDHRA PRADESH	51.06	43.93	38.19	1004.55	575.58	895.59	3354.47	1473.54	2104.81
ARUNACHAL PRADESH							13.50	14.00	2.75
ASSAM	700.14	1706.04	1806.41	28.81	32.42	189.92	408.36	418.03	405.60
BIHAR	6536.00	6345.56	6346.70	1304.16	1247.31	2142.40	1061.77	1046.44	1001.00
CHHATTISGARH	556.40	600.93	600.93	309.54	308.10	308.10	814.22	868.60	754.25
D & N HAVELI							1.80	1.80	
DAMAN & DIU								0.04	
DELHI	15.72	12.28	11.33	17.07	18.05	0.04	14.20	13.80	20.70
GOA									0.00
GUJARAT	2267.38	2964.10	2964.10	1851.22	1126.55	1126.55	1259.01	1259.01	1259.01
HARYANA	696.51	722.58	722.58	672.17	640.22	667.12	627.28	666.56	666.56
HIMACHAL PRADESH	243.26	243.26	243.26	43.71	39.36	39.36	430.79	413.71	413.71
JAMMU & KASHMIR	127.24	127.24	127.24	65.27	65.27	65.27	88.09	88.09	88.09
JHARKHAND	653.12	659.65	659.65	320.53	322.73	322.73	251.44	253.95	348.11
KARNATAKA	539.70	589.12	595.20	2065.16	3227.04	3206.00	2068.38	2034.37	2035.00
KERALA	8.11	1.80	1.80		0.18	0.18		8.23	58.32
LAKSHADWEEP							0.01	0.03	0.03
M.P.	2322.40	3048.00	3161.00	2826.02	2842.00	2848.00	1937.37	2177.00	2285.90
MAHARASHTRA	370.00	200.75	157.85	5864.04	5361.00	5481.32	1200.00	762.16	994.76
MANIPUR				4.05	5.09	5.03	28.73	25.67	31.74
MEGHALAYA	181.82	191.50	191.50	4.13	4.30	4.30	51.42	52.00	33.24
MIZORAM	3.00	1.44	1.44	3.74	10.00	10.00	8.27	10.12	10.20
NAGALAND	65.10	65.10	65.10	7.70	7.70	7.70	20.00	20.00	19.52
ODISHA	249.76	268.85	273.83	432.05	395.96	369.45	1385.96	1374.94	1272.83
PUDUCHERRY				0.11	0.10	0.25	0.06	0.27	
PUNJAB	2189.16	2262.40	2262.40	185.40	188.18	188.18	181.07	185.90	196.97
RAJASTHAN	113.25	149.81	150.36	704.96	960.78	800.07	81.75	75.23	83.55
SIKKIM	49.86	49.87	49.87	1.72	1.72	1.72	9.08	9.08	8.03
TAMIL NADU	115.63	130.56	70.75	472.69	259.63	246.55	332.50	328.20	647.33
TELANGANA	98.58	106.11	106.11	424.22	450.54	450.54	1483.71	1080.61	1279.19
TRIPURA	153.80	159.47	159.47		2.59	2.59	39.00	44.03	2.29
U.P.	13808.76	14879.34	14879.34	409.96	413.60	413.60	327.83	413.83	821.31
UTTARAKHAND	409.62	452.50	452.54	35.86	41.28	41.31	113.65	115.41	115.45
WEST BENGAL	9030.00	12027.00	9500.00	342.85	380.15	380.15	1141.50	1149.59	1204.51
TOTAL	41555.38	48009.19	45598.96	19401.68	18927.41	20214.00	18735.91	16384.98	18165.40

\* 2nd Estimates

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