

(b) and (c) Deliberations in the Conference and decisions taken to bolster food production and tackle shortage of commodities include taking up programmes for increasing production and productivity of foodgrain crops, bridging gaps in farm yields between States, strengthening implementation of the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, better implementation and amendment to Essential Commodities Act, better and effective delivery of essential commodities to the vulnerable sections of society and augmentation of warehousing and storage capacity (including cold chains).

#### Production of onion and potato

†898. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of potato and onion in the country has suffered due to draught and floods;

(b) if so, the production of above mentioned products in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009; and

(c) the quantity of these items exported out of above production during each of the above mentioned years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The area under kharif potato in some States has been reduced because of less and delayed rains. Similarly production of late kharif onion has also suffered due to delayed and scanty rains as compared to last year. However, the total production of both potato and onion in the country in the years 2007, 2008 and 2009 is as follows:—

Year/Crop	Production (000 MT)		
	2007	2008	2009
Onion	10847	13900	13565
Potato	28600	34658	34391

(c) The quantity of onion and potato exported during the last three years is as follows:—

Year/Crop	Quantity (000 MT)		
	2007	2008	2009
Onion	1102	1783	1578
Potato	78	185	25

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.