

(c) and (d) Question does not arise.

Production of fruits and vegetables

†900. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that production of fruits and vegetables has increased in the country during the year 2009-2010;
- (b) if so, whether this increase in production is 2.5 per cent and 4.8 per cent respectively as compared to the production during last year;
- (c) if not, the actual estimate in this regard;
- (d) whether along with production of these products their exports have also increased; and
- (e) if so, the percentage increase in exports of fruits and vegetables as compared to that of last year?

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The percentage increase in exports of fruits and vegetables is 26 per cent and 64 per cent respectively during the year 2008-09 over the period of 2007-08.

Assessment regarding production of foodgrains

||901. SHRI SHIVANAND TIWARI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has made second phase assessment regarding production of foodgrains in the country during the year 2009-2010;
- (b) if so, the details of estimate made regarding production of wheat, rice, oilseeds and pulses; and
- (c) the production in the year 2009-2010 in comparison to the production in the year 2008-2009?

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

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The details of estimated production of major crops *i.e.* wheat, rice, pulses, foodgrains and oilseeds during 2009-10 (2nd Advance Estimates released on 12.02.2010) *vis-à-vis* their production during 2008-09 are given below:—

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.