

(c) whether the present stock of foodgrains can meet the objects of Food Security Bill; and

(d) if not, the steps taken for enhancement of production of foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Proposed National Food Security Bill (NFSB) under Section - 38 of chapter-XIV read with schedule-III focuses on the Revitalization of Agriculture with increase in investment in agriculture, including in research and development, extension services, micro and minor irrigation, ensuring remunerative prices, credit, irrigation, power, crop insurance etc.

(b) The Government is implementing Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) under which food grains at subsidized prices are provided to targeted households. The Government is also implementing Other Welfare Scheme (OWS) such as Integrated Child Development Services, Mid Day meal scheme, Annapurna etc. to ensure Food Security of especially vulnerable groups.

(c) and (d) As per the provisions of NFSB and using 2011 Census population, the requirement of food grains for TPDS and OWS prescribed in the bill, is estimated at 60.74 million tons. The stock of food grain available in the Central Pool as on 1st March, 2012 is 54.43 million tons as against the buffer norms of 25 million tons for the quarter beginning 1st January, 2012. The procurement of wheat and rice during 2010-11 was 62.53 million tons and expected procurement of rice and wheat during 2011-12 is 67.12 million tons. With the stock of food grains available in the Central Pool and trends of procurement, it would be possible to meet the estimated requirement of food grains under NFSB. However, Government is implementing several Centrally Sponsored Schemes for increasing the production and productivity of food grains.

#### **Advance assessment for agricultural production**

2487. SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for not making any assessment by Government in advance about probable requirements and probable supply of various agriculture commodities/crops/fruits/vegetables so that excess agriculture production and acute shortage may be avoided; and

(b) the action taken by Government to cater to the rising food requirements of the increasing population of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) Planning Commission assesses the demand and supply

of various agriculture commodities in the country before each five year plan. Demand projections relate to dynamics of population and their consumption over time and space. Supply projections are sourced based on domestic production and import. Keeping in view the demand assessment made by the Planning Commission, Ministry of Agriculture fixes annual crop production targets based on the past trend of production, the demand as reflected by increased and decreased prices both in domestic and global market, potential of commodity and anticipated rainfall, weather situation etc.

(b) Department of Agriculture and Cooperation has implementing a number of crop development Schemes and Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Maize and Oil Palm (ISOPOM), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton and Jute, Macro Management of Agriculture, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Green Revolution in Eastern India etc. for increasing agriculture production to cater to the rising food requirement.

#### **Setting up of mango research centre**

2488. SHRI BHARATSINH PRABHATSINH PARMAR:  
SHRI PARSHOTTAM KHODABHAI RUPALA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the action taken by Government on project proposal of Navsari Krishi University for setting up Mango Research Centre at Pariya for development of various variety of mangoes;

(b) whether Government will consider the above proposal in coming Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the action taken by Government to shape out separate Board for mangoes; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) On enquiry with Navsari Agricultural University, Gujarat dated 20/04/2012; they have informed that a proposal on "Setting up Mango Research Centre" at Pariya was submitted to Govt. of Gujarat, Agriculture and Cooperation Department on 11th January, 2011, for onward transmission to the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

(b) and (c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already established a centre on mango research at Pariya under All India Coordinated Research Centre on Sub-tropical fruits, which is functioning since 1988 and has done appreciable works