

**Price rise of livestock fruits and vegetables
vis-a-vis foodgrains**

1401. SHRI D. BANDYOPADHYAY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that relatively faster increase in prices of livestock, fruits, and vegetables as compared to that of foodgrains has resulted in substitution of resources in the crop sub-sector; and

(b) if so, the measures Government proposes to take for a harmonious improvement of all sub-sectors in agriculture so that the country does not have to face the threat of food shortage to meet the growing demand due to rising population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) and (b) Relatively faster increase in prices of livestock, fruits and vegetables reflects the shifting demand for high value protein nutrition which is a natural trend in the context of rising incomes. However, the rising prices of livestock, fruits and vegetables in relation to lower increase in cereal prices has not made any major impact on substitution of land under cereal crops. For example the area under cereal crops has gone up from 99.2 million hectares in 2005-06 to 100.4 million hectares in 2010-11 and production of cereals has gone up from 203.0 million tonnes to 226.5 million tonnes during the same period. The area under fruits and vegetables has also gone up from 12.54 million hectare in 2005-06 to 14.88 million hectares in 2010-11. This is possible through multiple cropping and cultivation on new and marginal lands which are not used for cereal crops.

The Government is implementing various schemes like Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Bringing Green Revolution to North Eastern India (BGREI), Horticulture Mission for North Eastern and Himalayan States (HMNEH), Intensive Dairy Development Programme (IDDP) etc.

Irrigated land and over total arable land

†1402. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of total irrigated area of land in comparison to total arable land in each State;

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