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13.	Rajasthan	51.78	44.07	66.05	57.35	18.26	7.14	32.60	23.60
14.	Tamil Nadu	10.43	9.40	9.33	11.40	1.64	2.04	2.46	4.00
15.	Uttar Pradesh	11.65	8.16	9.19	9.37	19.98	19.01	20.37	24.26
16.	West Bengal	5.83	7.27	7.04	7.46	1.29	1.50	1.76	1.88
17.	Others	2.14	2.37	2.44	2.43	1.80	1.87	2.27	2.25
	ALL INDIA	277.19	248.82	324.79	300.12	145.66	146.62	182.41	172.08

\* IVth advance estimates for 2011-12.

Source: Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture.

#### Export of skimmed milk powder

†1419. SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the stock of skimmed milk powder is in abundance in the country;

(b) if so, the quantum of this stock during April, 2012;

(c) whether Government has decided to export 60,000 tonnes out of this stock by providing subsidy; and

(d) if so, the amount of subsidy per kilogram?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) There are adequate stocks of milk powder with the major Milk Federations, Mother Dairy, Delhi and National Dairy Development Board (NDDB).

(b) The stock of milk powder at the end of April, 2012 with the major Milk Federations, Mother Dairy, Delhi and NDDB was around 1,27,276 MT.

(c) and (d) The Ministry of Commerce and Industries *vide* notification dated 08.06.2012 and public notice dated 08.06.2012, has allowed free export of skimmed milk powder (SMP) and export incentive of 5% for SMP under Vishesh Krishi and Gram Udyog Yojana (VKGUY).

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

**Assessment of drought situation**

1420. DR. T. N. SEEMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has made any assessment of the drought situation prevailing in many parts of the country:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to make drinking water available to people in the drought hit areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HARISH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Ministry of Agriculture is closely monitoring the monsoon and crop sowing situation along with India Meteorological Department (IMD), Central Water Commission (CWC) and State Governments. IMD reports that as on 21st August, 2012, the rainfall departure for the country as a whole is -15%. Out of the 36 Met Sub-Divisions in the country, 20 received normal rainfall +19% to -19%, 13 received Deficient rainfall (-20% to -59%) and 3 received Scanty rainfall (-60% to -99%). Average area sown under kharif cultivation in the country is 105.70 million hectare. During the third week of August, 2012, against normal sowing of 89.62 million hectare about 88.37 million hectare has been covered under various crops which is about 1.25 million ha short than normal.

Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation has reported that certain areas of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Haryana are witnessing scarcity of drinking water due to deficient monsoon.

On the advice of Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation, States have prepared Contingency Plans which include supplying drinking water through tankers, new tubewells, re-boring of old tubewells, hydro-fracturing, rejuvenation and restoration of hand pumps, *etc.* Release of funds under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP) has been fast tracked for the drought affected States.

**Bumper crop of onion**

1421. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state: