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Pulses	552	543
Foodgrains	1762	1803
Oilseeds	1073	1124
Sugarcane	65753	70317
Cotton	489	491

* 1st advance estimates # 4th advance estimates.

Note: For 2012-13, yield estimates are preliminary assessment and are not based on Crop Cutting Experiments.

On comparison of yield rates during the current year with the last year, it is observed that at all India level, the yield in almost all the Kharif crops during 2012-13 has been lower than the yield during 2011-12. The decline in the yield of Kharif crops during the current year has been mainly on account of delayed/deficient rainfall during the monsoon season.

Cultivation area of pulses

†1577. SHRI KAPTAN SINGH SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- whether there is a wide gap between demand and supply of pulses in the country;
- if so, the details thereof;
- whether it is a fact that cultivation area for pulses has shrunk in the country; and
- if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The production of pulses in the country is less than its projected demand as detailed below:

(in million tonnes)

Year	Projected Demand	Estimated Production	Gap
2009-10	18.29	14.66	3.63
2010-11	19.08	18.24	0.84
2011-12	19.91	17.21*	2.70

* (4th Advance Estimates for 2011-12)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) The cultivated area under Pulses has been fluctuating in recent past as indicated below:

Year	Area (in million hectares)
2007-08	23.63
2008-09	22.09
2009-10	23.28
2010-11	26.41
2011-12 (4th Advance Estimates)	24.78

Demand and supply of milk and its products

†1578. SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is huge gap between demand and supply of milk and milk products in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the past three years including the current financial year; and

(c) the reasons therefor and the action taken to meet the shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR.CHARAN DAS MAHANT): (a) The milk production at national level is by and large sufficient to meet the domestic demand of milk and milk products.

(b) Year-wise data relating to demand and supply of milk and milk products is not available with this Department.

(c) Does not arise in view of reply at (a) and (b) of the question. However, during lean season, shortage in liquid milk is met through reconstitution of milk powder/milk fat.

Schemes for coconut farmers

1579. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

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