

seed, integrated nutrient management, integrated pest management, distribution of sprinklers sets, zero till seed drills / multi crop planter, rotavator, incentive for pump sets and training of farmers.

Production of vegetables

1739.DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indo-Israel Centre of Excellence for Vegetables, Gharonda, has developed certain new and hybrid varieties of various vegetables including tomato, capsicum and cucumber;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to set up such small centres, across the country on the lines of Gharondha Unit for transfer of technology to farmers for ensuring increased production of vegetables in the country especially in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR) : (a) and (b) The Centre of Excellence for Vegetables, Gharonda under Indo-Israel Action Plan has been developed for demonstration of various production technologies, which includes performance of hybrid varieties of different vegetables like tomato, capsicum and cucumber for higher production and income per unit area. The mandate of the centre does not include development of new varieties.

(c) Under the Indo-Israel Action Plan (2012-15) the States of Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Punjab, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Bihar, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh have been identified for development of Centres of Excellence for transfer of technology to farmers for various horticulture crops, including vegetables.

FMD Control Programme

1740.DR. CHANDAN MITRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated annual loss in production of milk and meat due to Foot and mouth Disease (FMD), State-wise;