

later updated the prediction in its India country brief dated 24.07.2014 stating that the prospects for rice and maize during 2014 kharif season have improved with recent rains.

(d) Government has prepared agricultural contingency plans for 520 districts covering 23 States for implementing location specific interventions to sustain agriculture production in the eventuality of weak monsoon/deficient rainfall.

#### **Establishment of agriculture and horticulture universities in Seemandhra**

2483. SHRI JESUDASU SEELAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the provisions as contained in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 for establishment of Agriculture and Horticulture Universities in Seemandhra;

(b) the steps being taken by the Central Government in this regard; and

(c) the role of the Government of Andhra Pradesh and the status of their response?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) The Andhra Pradesh State Re-organization Act, 2014 provides for establishment of institutions of National Importance in the 12th and 13th Plan periods in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh, including a new Agricultural University.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh has been asked to suggest a suitable site of 500 hectare area for the proposed Agricultural University. An amount of ₹ 200.00 crores has been allocated in 2014-15 for establishment of Agricultural Universities in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan and also for Horticultural Universities in the States of Telangana and Haryana.

(c) The State Government of Andhra Pradesh has indicated 500 acres of land for establishment of the Agricultural University.

#### **Use of organic fertilizers**

2484. SHRIMATI RAJANI PATIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government proposes to encourage production of bio/organic fertilizers in the country for promoting organic farming and if so, the details thereof;

(b) the total production of bio/organic fertilizers along with its demand and supply in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;

(c) the total area of land brought under bio/organic fertilizers in the country, State/ Union Territory-wise;