

(b) the details of quantum of pulses produced in this area during last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether pulses produced are sufficient to meet our domestic demand; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) and (b) First Advance Estimates of Production of agricultural crops are normally released in September each year and the same for 2014-15 have not been prepared so far. The details of area and production of pulses during 2011-12 to 2013-14 are as under:-

Year	Area (000' hectares)	Production (000' tonnes)
2011-12	24462.2	17088.9
2012-13	23256.8	18342.5
2013-14*	25399.8	19567.9

\*As per Third Advance Estimates released on 15.05.2014.

(c) and (d) As against demand of 20.0 million tones of pulses for 2013-14 projected by the Working Group of Planning Commission for Twelfth Five Year Plan, their estimated production for the year stands at 19.57 million tones (3rd advance estimates). The shortfall in production of pulses is met through imports.

#### **Release of funds under Intensive Dairy Development Programme**

1085. SHRI ASHK ALI TAK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state the reasons for funds not being released on time by the Central Government under the Intensive Dairy Development Programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): Sir, Department of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries releases funds for approved projects under dairy development schemes including Intensive Dairy Development Programme (IDDP) on receipt of requisite documents *viz:* fund utilization certificate countersigned by the State Government, Quarterly Progress Report (QPR), audited statement of expenditure and other relevant information. The proposals complete in all respect received under IDDP during 2013-14 were taken up on time and funds were released subject to availability of fund under the budget.