

**Rise in prices of onion**

†644. SHRI ISHWARLAL SHANKARLAL JAIN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the prices of onion have fallen in the wholesale markets including that of Lasalgaon in Nasik due to the ban on its export;

(b) whether due to this ban farmers are not getting reasonable prices and it is resulting into their utter vexation;

(c) whether Government is importing onions from Egypt and Afghanistan;

(d) whether there is dearth of onion and it is due to shortfall in its production comparative to last year;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) whether Government proposes to remove the ban on the export of onions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIA): (a) There is no ban on export of onions.

(b) Do not arise.

(c) In the current year, there is no import of onions from Egypt and Afghanistan on behalf of the Government.

(d) and (e) As per the data available, the production of onion during 2013-14 is estimated to be 197.68 lakh Metric Tonnes (MT) compared to 168.13 lakh MT in 2012-13. State-wise data on production of onion during 2012-13 and 2013-14 is given in Statement (*See below*).

(f) Since there is no ban on export of onion, the question of removal of ban does not arise.

**Statement**

*Production of Onion for 2012-13 (Final) and 2013-14 (3rd Adv. Estimate)*

(Production in '000 MT)

States/UTs	2012-13 (Final)	2013-14 (3rd Advance Estimate)
Andhra Pradesh	1560.06	1525.18
Assam	30.90	33.11
Bihar	1107.84	1301.31

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

States/UTs	2012-13 (Final)	2013-14 (3rd Advance Estimate)
Chhattisgarh	269.28	309.54
Delhi	15.50	17.07
Gujarat	704.38	1798.30
Haryana	604.47	672.17
Himachal Pradesh	39.36	39.36
Jammu and Kashmir	65.27	65.27
Jharkhand	322.15	320.53
Karnataka	2395.90	2065.20
Madhya Pradesh	2691.00	2825.60
Maharashtra	4660.00	5866.00
Manipur		4.05
Meghalaya	3.95	4.13
Mizoram	3.96	4.74
Nagaland	6.00	7.00
Odisha	419.09	432.05
Puducherry	0.09	0.11
Punjab	183.65	184.68
Rajasthan	476.21	1001.57
Sikkim	1.71	1.72
Tamil Nadu	429.72	472.69
Uttar Pradesh	474.01	435.01
Uttarakhand	39.40	39.40
West Bengal	309.10	342.85
TOTAL	16813.01	19768.62

*Source:* Horticulture Statistics Division, DAC.

#### **Effect of vagaries of nature in agriculture sector**

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

(a) whether agriculture profession is inherently risk prone and susceptible to the vagaries of nature, if so, the details thereof;