

State	Production of Groundnut ('000 Tonnes)			
	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14*
Gujarat	3366.1	2717.0	758.0	4917.9
Maharashtra	460.0	351.0	285.0	325.0
Rajasthan	681.1	805.4	617.3	906.0

\* 4th advance estimates

Production of groundnut in Gujarat has been significantly higher than its production in the neighbouring States.

(c) Based on the experience of implementing Centrally Sponsored Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Oil-Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Oil-Palm Area Expansion (a Sub scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna) and Central Sector Scheme of Integrated Development of Tree Borne Oilseeds, Government of India has started the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil-palm (NMOOP) from the current financial year *i.e.*, 2014-15. For increasing production and productivity of oilseeds including Groundnut, farmers in 23 States including Gujarat are given subsidy under Mini Mission-I of NMOOP on 75:25 sharing basis between the Central and States Governments. Assistance is provided to farmers for purchase of breeder seed, production of foundation seed, production/distribution of certified seed, seed infrastructure development, block demonstrations, training, distribution of improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, pipes, etc. For 2014-15, an amount of ₹45.29 crore has been allocated to Gujarat under Mini Mission-I.

#### Use of modern agricultural techniques

3014.SHRI K.C. TYAGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has conducted any study on the regions facing agrarian crisis in the country, if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and

(b) the steps taken/being taken by Government to encourage the use of modern agricultural techniques to sustain growth of agriculture to solve the problem of agrarian crisis in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) Government has not conducted

any such study as agriculture is a state subject under the Constitution and the States are primarily responsible for development of agriculture sector including welfare of farmers.

(b) Government has introduced and is supporting various techniques to sustain growth of agriculture under various Missions/ Schemes, such as integrated farming system/ cropping system with appropriate resource conservation technologies; development of high yielding pest/ disease tolerant crop varieties/ hybrids; water use efficiency enhancement through micro irrigation; soil test based balanced and judicious use of fertilizers; dissemination of agriculture related information to the farming community through various ICT enabled delivery channels including SMSs, internet kiosks, farmers portals etc; scientific storage of both perishable and non-perishable produce; precision farming; increasing the reach of farm mechanization by promoting "Custom Hiring Centres", creating hubs for hi-tech & high value farm equipments; promotion of latest technologies on crops specific cultivation; protected cultivation of horticultural products, organic farming etc.

#### **Setting up of cold storages in North Eastern States**

3015.SHRI HISHEY LACHUNGPA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of cold storages operational in North-Eastern region, as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the present capacity of these cold storages, particularly in Sikkim;
- (c) the number of new cold storages sanctioned and set up during the last two years in North- Eastern States, State-wise; and
- (d) the reasons for not setting up the sanctioned cold storages so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) and (b) As per information available, the details of cold storages operational in North-Eastern region are as under:

State	Number of cold storage	Capacity (MT)
Assam	20	1,11,300
Manipur	1	2,900
Mizoram	2	530
Sikkim	7	3 - 9
	(Walk-in-Coolers)	(MT each)