

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) conducted the Situation Assessment Survey of agricultural households during National Sample Survey 70th Round (January 2013 – December 2013) in the rural areas of the country with respect to the agricultural year July 2012 – June 2013. The survey aimed at capturing the condition of agricultural households in the country and not the production in the agricultural sector. The survey report did not have any information on the decadal growth of production in agricultural sector or increase of loans of farmers in the country.

(b) No proposal is under consideration of the Government. Government announces Minimum Support Price (MSP) for 23 agriculture commodities including fair and remunerative price of sugarcane every year. Factors including cost of production, overall demand-supply impact of MSP on consumers etc. are taken into consideration while announcing MSP.

#### **Development of HYV seeds**

2117. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA:  
SHRI A.U. SINGH DEO:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the High Yielding Varieties (HYV) of seeds developed by Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) during the last one year, crop-wise;

(b) the details of funds allocated, released and expenditure incurred for developing such seeds during the year;

(c) whether HYV seeds of wheat and maize are being developed only by the foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the details of corrective measures taken or proposed to be taken by Government to develop research activities to improve the quality of seeds in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN): (a) The crop based institutes and All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) under the aegis of Crop Science Division of Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have developed 74 High Yielding Varieties (HYVs)/hybrids of field crops viz. cereals (47), pulses (12), oil seeds (8), forage crops (5) and sugarcane (2) during 2014.

(b) The Plan fund allocation, release and expenditure during 2014-15 of Crop Science Division of ICAR, which is mandated to develop HYVs was ₹ 470.00 crores, ₹ 380.00 crores and ₹ 372.93 crores, respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Crop Science Division of ICAR is mandated to conduct basic, applied, strategic and anticipatory research in field crops including seed science and technology to improve the quality of seed. Besides, to speed up the development of HYV seed varieties/hybrids Consortia Research Platforms like, hybrid technology, molecular breeding, agro-biodiversity and bio-fortification have been initiated.

#### **Impact of Pulses Technology Mission**

2118. SHRI KIRANMAY NANDA:

SHRI DARSHAN SINGH YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of pulses in the country during last two years in comparison to their consumption;

(b) whether pulses are imported;

(c) if so, the quantity of pulses imported each year during last two years and the value thereof; and

(d) the work, so far, done by the Pulses Technology Mission to raise the production of pulses in the country and also to check its import?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJIBHAI KUNDARIYA): (a) to (c) Household consumption of goods and services in the country is assessed through Household Consumer Expenditure Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) of Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation. Based upon per capita monthly quantity of consumption as per Household Consumer Expenditure Survey: 2011-12 (latest available), the details of total consumption *vis-à-vis* production of pulses in the country during 2013-14 and 2014-15 are as under :-