

**Sponsoring agriculture extension personnel**

1125. SHRI NARENDRA KUMAR SWAIN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

Whether the Ministry has any proposal for sponsoring Agriculture Extension Personnel/farmers outside the country for exposure and capacity building?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) No, Sir. However, under the Human Resource Development (HRD) component of the Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), project based assistance is provided for exposure visit of farmers outside India and for training/study tour of technical staff/field functionaries outside India.

Similarly, under the National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm(NMOOP), various interventions are implemented through the State Departments of Agriculture/Horticulture with provision of need based support for in country and abroad training/exposure for the officers/officials of the Department of Agriculture, Co-operation and Farmers Welfare (DAC&FW) of this Ministry, Directorate of Oilseeds Development (DOD), Hyderabad, State Government Departments and Mission Cell of NMOOP, during the 12th Plan period.

**Production of foodgrains in NER**

1126. SHRIMATI RANEE NARAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of foodgrains in 2016-17 in million tonnes;

(b) the production of rice, pulses, maize, oilseeds in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17; and

(c) the total foodgrains production in 2016-17 in the States of North Eastern Region (NER), separately for rice, pulses, maize and oilseeds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE (SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA): (a) As per Second Advance Estimates released on 15th February, 2017, total production of foodgrains in the country in 2016-17 is estimated at 271.98 million tonnes.

(b) The details of production of rice, pulses, maize and oilseeds in 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 are as under:

(Million tonnes)

| Year     | Rice   | Pulses | Maize | Oilseeds |
|----------|--------|--------|-------|----------|
| 2014-15  | 105.48 | 17.15  | 24.17 | 27.51    |
| 2015-16  | 104.41 | 16.35  | 22.57 | 25.25    |
| 2016-17* | 108.86 | 22.14  | 26.15 | 33.59    |

\*As per 2nd Advance Estimates.

(c) For an agricultural year, the details of each of the States/UTs separately are collected only in the Final Estimates. In the Second Advance Estimates, the production details are available separately only for the major States including State of Assam in the North Eastern Region. The details of production in the remaining States of the region are clubbed with other smaller States/UTs. Accordingly, the details of production of rice, pulses, maize, oilseeds and foodgrains in Assam and "other smaller States/UTs" namely; Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep, Delhi and Pondicherry are as under:

(Thousand Tonnes)

| States                    | Rice   | Pulses | Maize | Oilseeds | Foodgrain |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------|----------|-----------|
| Assam                     | 5179   | 67.3   | 86    | 202.6    | 5370.3    |
| Other smaller States/UTs* | 2525.4 | 181.3  | 500   | 188.3    | 3376.9    |

\*Includes production in Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Goa, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu, Lakshadweep, Delhi and Pondicherry.

### Shortage of cold chain storage facilities

1127. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a huge wastage of fruits and vegetables every year in the country due to shortage of cold chain storage capacity;

(b) the total quantity of fruits and vegetables produced in the last three years in the country, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to overcome the shortage of cold chain storage facilities, the details thereof?