

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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ONION AND POTATO PRODUCING STATES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the major onion and potato producing States in the country at present;
- (b) the extent of production of onions and potatoes recorded during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the quantity of onions, potatoes and fruits procured by National Agricultural Co-operative Marketing Federation of India Limited (NAFED) from Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Delhi and Maharashtra during the said period;
- (d) the names of the States which have suffered losses by purchasing fruits and vegetables on support prices during the said period; and
- (e) the extent to which their loss was compensated by the Union Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a): The major Onion producing States are Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Orissa. The main Potato producing States are Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Bihar, Punjab, Gujarat, Karnataka and Assam.

(b): The State wise production of Onion and Potato during the last three years (2002-03 to 2004-05) are given in the Annexure I & II, respectively.

(c): During the last three years, NAFED has procured the following quantities of Onion and Potato in the Commercial Account:

(Qty. in MTs / Value in Rs.lakhs)
Commodity/State 2003-04 2004-05 2005-06
Qty Value Qty Value Qty Value

Onion Maharashtra 17430 1243 18076 1049 8248 391.54(T)
Potato Madhya- Pradesh.- - - 1146 92.52(T)

There were no purchases in Delhi.

Source: NAFED, New Delhi.

(d): On the request of Government of Himachal Pradesh, MIS has been implemented for procurement of 32500MT `C` grade Apples at the procurement price of Rs.400/- per qtl. from 1.8.2004 to 31.10.2004 during 2004-05 and 50000 MT `C Grade` apples at the procurement price of Rs.425/- per qtl from 1.8.2005 to 31.10.2005 during 2004-05. The total estimated loss for 2005-06 is Rs.17.71 crore whereas during 2004-05 the estimated loss was Rs.3.39 crore.

During the year 2003-04, NAFED procured a quantity of 734MTs of Potato in the State of U.P. under Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) at Rs.190 per qtl. Loss of Rs.12.69 lakhs was incurred in the above operation. NAFED has not participated in procurement of Apples in Himachal Pradesh as their actual losses under MIS are not fully reimbursed under MIS as per the revised MIS guidelines effective from 30.7.2001.

(e): Procurement under MIS is made by NAFED as a Central Agency and by the State designated agencies. Losses if any, incurred by the procuring agencies are shared between the Central Government and the concerned State Government on the 50:50 basis (75:25 in case of North -Eastern States). The amount of loss to be shared between the Central Government and the concerned State Government is restricted to 25 percent of the procurement cost.

Annexure-I

State-wise Production of Onion

(`000 Tonnes)
State/UT 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 (Final)

Andhra Pradesh	412.6	520.0	603.0
Assam	17.0	17.0	16.8
Bihar	116.8	138.0	106.5
Chhattisgarh	34.8	32.5	25.7
Gujarat	717.4	1479.3	1223.0
Haryana	226.1	294.7	294.7
Himachal Pradesh	4.5	7.3	7.3
Jammu & Kashmir	1.2	1.1	0.1
Karnataka	535.8	360.5	856.0
Madhya Pradesh	345.0	416.2	535.6
Maharashtra	1427.0	1645.0	1645.0
Manipur	0.5	2.1	2.1
Meghalaya	3.4	1.3	1.3
Mizoram	0.2	0.2	0.2
Nagaland	26.4	20.6	20.6
Orissa	29.7	240.3	241.9
Punjab	13.1	20.6	20.6
Rajasthan	155.7	249.1	347.9
Tamil Nadu	198.0	211.2	256.4
Tripura	0.2	0.2	0.2
Uttar Pradesh	232.8	245.8	210.0
Uttaranchal	6.6	18.4	18.4
Pondicherry	0.0	1.0	1.0
Delhi	1.3	0.1	0.3
All India	4506.1	5922.5	6434.6

Source : Directorate of Economics & Statistics

Annexure-II

State-wise Production of Potato

(`000 Tonnes)
State/UT 2002-03 2003-04 2004-05 (final)

Andhra Pradesh	18.7	24.0	27.0
Arunachal Pradesh	30.2	29.6	27.5
Assam	590.0	543.0	589.1
Bihar	1476.6	1351.8	1062.8
Chhattisgarh	61.1	49.2	54.7
Gujarat	780.0	738.8	1088.7
Haryana	321.1	440.1	323.9
Himachal Pradesh	143.1	173.2	158.8
Jammu & Kashmir	18.5	18.4	14.2
Karnataka	149.3	342.8	361.0
Madhya Pradesh	487.9	667.7	752.6
Maharashtra	76.0	74.0	74.7
Manipur	22.1	26.1	15.7
Meghalaya	167.9	149.4	152.8
Mizoram	0.7	0.9	2.5
Nagaland	12.2	44.1	95.0
Orissa	70.3	75.8	79.0
Punjab	1386.0	1382.6	1338.1
Rajasthan	27.3	27.0	48.2
Sikkim	23.8	33.1	32.6
Tamil Nadu	79.9	70.1	79.1
Tripura	112.1	89.6	93.5
Uttar Pradesh	10162.8	8825.6	9821.7
Uttaranchal	148.1	261.2	261.2
West Bengal	6902.5	7621.6	7076.6
Delhi	0.5	0.4	0.3
All India	23268.7	23060.1	23631.3

Source : Directorate of Economics & Statistics