

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF POTATO AND ONION

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of production, demand and consumption of potato and onion in the country during 2006-07;
- (b) whether the stock of potato and onion is sufficient to meet the domestic demand during the remaining period of the financial year;
- (c) if so, the details thereof ; and
- (d) if not, the action being taken in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a): The data on production for potato and onion in the country during 2006-07 is not available as the main crop is yet to be harvested. However, production of potato and onion during 2005-06 was 26.48 and 6.0 million tonnes respectively. The demand and consumption of potato and onion are given below:

Demand and Consumption of Potato  
Requirement for consumption 200 Lakh MT  
Export 0.75 Lakh MT  
Dehydration 1.35 Lakh MT  
Seed bulbs 9 Lakh MT  
Wastage (15%) 39 Lakh MT  
Total 250.1 Lakh MT

Demand and Consumption of Onion  
Requirement for consumption 35.25 Lakh MT  
Export 9 Lakh MT  
Dehydration 1.9 Lakh MT  
Seed bulbs 0.36 Lakh MT  
Wastage (15%) 8.5 Lakh MT  
Total 55.01 Lakh MT

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): Potato and onion production during the year 2005-06 was about 26.48 and 6.0 million tones respectively, which was sufficient to meet the demand till October/November 2006 for onion and till November/December 2006 for potato. During the year 2006-07 onion as well as potato area and production is expected to be more. Kharif 2006 production of onion as well as potatoes has started arriving in the markets. Kharif onion crop delayed by about 25 days in Maharashtra, which showed little higher prices during November. Kharif potatoes also arriving from H.P., Punjab, Uttaranchal, Karnataka, Tamilnadu and Maharashtra apart from cold stores. Now onwards fresh onion as well as potatoes will continue to arrive in the markets from kharif, late kharif, early rabi and rabi crop in the country till April/May,2007.

(d): Does not arise.