

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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BUMPER PRODUCTION OF FRUITS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been bumper production of fruits including pineapple, apple, mango and orange during the last three years and the current year in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and fruit-wise;
- (c) the percentage share of India in fruit and vegetables production in the world, fruit/vegetable-wise;
- (d) whether the Government has introduced any scheme to strengthen market linkages; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): The available data on production of various fruits for the period from 2005-06 to 2007-08 and that for the year 2008-09 indicates that there has been consistent increase in overall production of fruits. Statements showing State-wise and fruit-wise production of various fruits are at Annexures I to IV.

(c): A statement showing the percentage share of India in fruit and vegetables production in the world, fruit/vegetable-wise is at Annexure V.

(d) & (e): The Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing two centrally sponsored schemes

(i) Technology Mission on Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim, Uttarakhand, Jammu & Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh (TMNE) and

(ii) National Horticulture Mission (NHM) in the remaining states of the country for enhancing horticulture production, wherein end to end approach has been adopted covering production, integrated nutrient and water management, integrated pest management, post harvest management, processing & marketing to assure appropriate returns to farmers.