

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF VEGETABLES

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any scheme to promote the cultivation of fruits and vegetables in the country including Bihar;
- (b) if so, the details of the production of vegetables and fruits during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
- (c) the per capita availability of vegetables and fruits in the country; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of fruits and vegetables and provide proper maintenance and processing of vegetables in view of their perishable nature?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a): Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been approved for implementation during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering fruits, vegetables, root and tuber crops, mushrooms, spices, flowers, aromatic plants, coconut, cashew, cocoa and bamboo. Mission subsumes National Horticulture Mission (NHM), Horticulture Mission for North East & Himalayan States (HMNEH), National Bamboo Mission (NBM), National Horticulture Board (NHB), Coconut Development Board (CDB) and Central Institute for Horticulture (CIH), Nagaland. All States/UTs including Bihar are covered under MIDH.

(b): Statement indicating state-wise production of fruits and vegetables from 2010-11 to 2013-14 is given at Annexure.

(c): As of 2011-12, the per capita availability of fruits in the country is 171.6 gm /day and vegetable is 351 gm /day.

(d): The Mission has under taken steps to promote holistic growth of horticulture sector, through area based regionally differentiated strategies, which include research, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management, processing and marketing in consonance with comparative advantage of each State/region and its diverse agri-climatic features.