## **Production of Garlic**

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The production of garlic for the year 2021-22 and 2022-23(1st Advance Estimates) in the Country are given below:

Year	Production (in '000Tonnes)
2021-22	3523
2022-23 (1 <sup>st</sup> Advance Estimates)	3369

Planned research on genetic improvement of garlic for identification of varieties suitable for cultivation under different seasons and agro-climatic conditions in India is being carried out by the ICAR-Directorate of Onion and Garlic Research, Pune and the National Horticulture Research and Development Foundation, Nasik. Further, location specific adoptive trails are being taken up at different locations of the country through ICAR-All India Network Research Project on Onion and Garlic (ICAR-AINRP on O&G), Pune.

The field trials were conducted to identify suitable varieties for cultivation during Kharif through ICAR-AINRP on O&Gat six locations (Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu (Ooty)) for three years. Two varieties, Bhima Purple and G-282 performed better at three locations viz. Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu (Ooty), giving yield of 30.0-40.0 q/ha. However, the yield in Kharif season was quite less as compared to Rabi season. Gadag local, a land race from Karnataka, is being cultivated by growers during season and is giving better yield in Karnataka.

In addition, one advance breeding line of garlic namely, G-389 has been observed suitable for Kharif in Maharashtra, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh as well as for Rabi.

This information was given by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar in a written reply in Lok Sabha today.

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