

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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MIS-MATCH BETWEEN SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a mis-match between supply and demand of foodgrains including sugar in the country for the last three years; and
(b) if so, the reasons for this alarming scenario and the steps taken by the Government to deal with this mis-match?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) :

FOODGRAINS

Except in the case of pulses India has attained near self-sufficiency in the production of foodgrains (Wheat and Rice). Centrally sponsored schemes of Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Areas are being implemented for increasing the productivity and production of foodgrains in the country.

As regards pulses, Government is also implementing National Pulses Development Project. Under These programmes, incentives are provided to the farmers on distribution of seeds, improved farm implements and sprinkler sets etc. Incentives on Power Tillers are also provided, under the scheme of ICDP- Rice. The latest production technologies are also propagated among the farmers by field demonstrations and training.

SUGAR

The availability of sugar during last three years (October-September) i.e. 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 in the country, has been more than the requirement and there has been no shortage of sugar.