

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the target set and achieved for the production of various food-grains of kharif and rabi crops in the country during the year 1999-2000;
- (b) the target set in this regard for the year 2000-2001 alongwith the production of kharif crop so far during the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken to increase the agricultural production in the country during the next three years?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): The details are given below:-

Production of Foodgrains during 1999/2000 (Million Tonnes)

	Kharif		Rabi	
	Target	Achievement	Target	Achievement
Rice	74.50	75.63	11.50	12.62
Wheat	Nil	Nil	74.00	74.25
Coarse Cereals	27.00	23.46	7.50	6.88
Pulses	6.10	4.80	9.40	8.26
Total Foodgrain	107.60	103.89	102.40	102.01

(b): The details of targets fixed and likely achievement thereunder during Kharif 2000/2001 are given below:-

	Target	Likely Achievement
Rice	76.30	74.07
Coarse Cereals	26.62	23.11
Pulses	6.00	5.50
Total Foodgrains	108.92	102.68

(c): A regionally differentiated strategy based on agro climatic zones is proposed to be pursued in the coming years. Side by side, States are being given the freedom to implement various centrally sponsored schemes under a MOU based Work Plan approach from the year 2000/2001.