

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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TARGET OF PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAIN

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the production of foodgrain in the country has been falling below the fixed target for the last two years;
- (b) if so, the difference between the target and actual production of foodgrain in the year 1998-99 and 1999-2000;
- (c) the estimated quantum of actual production vis-à-vis the target of foodgrain production for the year 2000-2001;
- (d) whether any target has been fixed for the production for 2000-2001; and
- (e) if so, the strategy adopted to achieve the target?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): The production of foodgrains vis-à-vis the targets during 1998-99 to 2000-2001 is given as under:

(Million tonnes) Difference (Target  
Year Targets Achievements Achivement)

1998-1999	210.00	203.61	6.39
1999-2000	210.00	208.87	1.13
2000-2001	212.00	199.02+	12.98

+ Advance estimates

(e): Actual realisation of targets depends on a large number of factors such as agro-climatic conditions, farm size, timely application of quality inputs, development and adoption of package of improved farm practices besides level of investment. To increase production overtime, the Government has decided to switch over from the conventional Schematic approach to MacroManagement mode for providing assistance to States. The scheme envisages integration of 27 schemes into one scheme for supplementation/complementation of states' efforts through work plans which will give flexibility to states to address the specific problems faced by them, avoid overlapping in the contents of different schemes and aim for all-round development of agriculture.