

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LAC PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to increase the production of lac in the country; and
(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following strategies are being adopted to increase the production of lac in the country:

- (i) Technology development for increasing the lac productivity
(ii) Technology development of broodlac production
(iii) Intensification of transfer of technology activities
(iv) Broadening of area of lac cultivation through linkages with various Government and non-Government organisations.
(v) Increasing the domestic consumption of lac through value addition and product diversification thereby increasing the demand for lac.

State-wise production of lac during the past three years is as under:

State	Production in M.T. (1996-97 to 1998-99)
Bihar	25,146
Madhya Pradesh	10,653
West Bengal	7,178
Maharashtra	1,072
Uttar Pradesh	1,900
Others	210
Total	46,159