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

- (a) whether target has been set up for production of foodgrains during the first three years of the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the progress in achieving these targets;
- (c) the role of various schemes for increasing foodgrains production; and
- (d) the performance of these schemes during the first three years of the Ninth Plan?

Answer

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

(a)&(b): Production target set for production of food grains for the first three years of Ninth Five Year Plan during 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000 were; 202.00, 210.00 and 210.00 million tonnes, respectively. Achievement made during these three years were; 192.26, 203.04 and 208.88 million tonnes, respectively.

(c)&(d): In order to supplement the efforts of State Governments for increasing foodgrains production, Centrally Sponsored Schemes on Rice, Wheat, Coarse Cereals were under implementation during first three years of Ninth Five Year Plan by Govt. of India. Besides this schemes relating to production of Pulses and Minikit Programmes on Cereals and Pulses are being implemented through out the country.

Under these schemes emphasis is laid on the transfer of improved Crop Production Technologies through production technology demonstration and farmers training. Besides, to motivate the farmers to adopt improved Crop Production Technologies, financial assistance is provided to the farmers through respective schemes on the use of input like certified/high yielding varieties/hybrid seeds, improved farm implements and sprinkler/drip irrigation system.

From October, 2000, schemes on Wheat, Rice, Coarse Cereals have been sub- summed under Macro Management mode with a view to provide flexibility to adopt regionally differentiated technology suited to the Agro-climatic conditions of different States/Union Territories.