

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FALL IN MUSTARD PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have examined the US report as reported in Economic Times dated January 5, 2001 "Rapeseed, mustard production to fall by 20 per cent";
- (b) if so, the details and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) the comparative figure of production of these crops during the last two years, till date, State-wise;
- (d) the extent to which the short production has hit the market; and
- (e) the corrective steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The report says that India's 2000-2001 rapeseed-mustard production is expected to fall to 4.2 million tonnes nearly 20% below last year's crop, due to hot dry weather in the major producing States of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh and the failure of September rains in most rainfed areas reduced seedings by an estimated 11 per cent to 5.0 million hectares, while unusually high temperatures during flowering and pod setting are expected to hamper yields. The Government is besieged of this situation.

(c) & (d): State-wise comparative figures of production of rapeseed-mustard during the last 2 years i.e. 1998-99 and 1999-2000 is given in the enclosed annexure. The state-wise production figures of rapeseed-Mustard for the current year are not yet available. However, the production of rapeseed mustard during 2000-01 is estimated at 42.6 lakh tonnes. The latest report indicates that prices of rapeseed mustard are ruling below their Minimum Support Prices and procurement of mustard has commenced.

(e): In order to increase the production of rapeseed-mustard in the country, a centrally sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in various States and financial assistance by way of subsidies on various inputs is provided to the farmers to induce them to take up the cultivation of oilseeds including rapeseed mustard on a large scale. Price Support Operation is also undertaken to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers.

ANNEXURE

ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION OF RAPESEED AND MUSTARD ('000 tonnes)

STATE/UT 1998-99 1999-2000

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|-------------------|--------|--------|
| ANDHRA PRADESH | 1.0 | 0.6 |
| ARUNACHAL PRADESH | 19.7 | 21.1 |
| ASSAM | 135.6 | 129.4 |
| BIHAR | 102.5 | 102.5 |
| GUJARAT | 468.9 | 301.0 |
| HARYANA | 597.0 | 593.0 |
| HIMACHAL PRADESH | 6.1 | 6.1 |
| JAMMU & KASHMIR | 48.0 | 48.0 |
| KARNATAKA | 1.8 | 1.6 |
| MADHYA PRADESH | 574.8 | 666.1 |
| MAHARASHTRA | 2.4 | 2.8 |
| MANIPUR | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| MEGHALAYA | 4.6 | 4.6 |
| MIZORAM | 1.7 | 1.5 |
| NAGALAND | 12.5 | 14.0 |
| ORISSA | 2.4 | 2.3 |
| PUNJAB | 69.0 | 63.0 |
| RAJASTHAN | 2477.1 | 2652.6 |
| SIKKIM | 2.4 | 4.5 |

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|---------------|--------|--------|
| TAMIL NADU | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| TRIPURA | 2.9 | 2.9 |
| UTTAR PRADESH | 880.3 | 1087.4 |
| WEST BENGAL | 251.7 | 251.7 |
| DELHI | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| ALL - INDIA | 5663.9 | 5958.2 |