

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:454  
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2000  
PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS  
PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL

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

- (a) whether any target has been fixed for production of foodgrains in the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the increase in foodgrains production was better during eighties as compared to that of nineties; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.454 TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 26TH APRIL, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The following are the details of targets fixed for foodgrains production in the terminal year of the Ninth Five Year Plan :-

Sl.No. Item Target fixed for 2001-02 (Million Tonnes)

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|-------------------|-------|
| 1. Rice           | 99.00 |
| 2. Wheat          | 83.00 |
| 3. Coarse Cereals | 35.50 |
| 4. Pulses         | 16.50 |

Total Foodgrains 234.00

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. The rate of growth of foodgrain production during the eighties was better as compared to the nineties. This is attributed to non-availability of land for acreage expansion, diversion of cropped area to more remunerative commercial crops, and plateauing of yield levels in high productivity areas.