

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF RICE
ANANTA NAYAK

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have a proposal to increase the production of rice during the Ninth Five Year Plan;
- (b) whether Agricultural Scientists are contemplating to boost the production of rice;
- (c) if so, the work done by each Central Rice Research Centre Institute particularly Rice Research Centre at Bidyadhar Pur in Orissa; and
- (d) the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is organising a multi-disciplinary and multi-location oriented testing approach at 120 Rice Research Stations all over the country. Since the release of first rice variety Jaya in India in 1968 several distinct technological innovations have occurred in terms of new varieties, crop Management practices, crop protection and transfer of technology. In varietal improvement, 530 rice varieties have been released so far through multi-location testing. The recently introduced hybrid rice technology has been successful and within a span of 7-8 years, 12 hybrids have been released for commercial cultivation in the country. Central Rice Research Institute at Bidyadharpur in Orissa and its sub-stations has developed and released 56 high yielding rice varieties for cultivation.