

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have fixed any target for production of foodgrains of 234 metric tonnes for the year 2001-2002;
- (b) whether recent cut in fertilizers subsidy, the targetted production of foodgrains is not likely to be achieved;
- (c) if so, whether Government propose to import more foodgrains to bridge the gap; and
- (d) the measures Government propose to take to achieve the target?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The Government have fixed a target of 234 million tonnes for foodgrains production for the year 2001-2002.
- (b) The recent increase in the fertilizers prices/decrease in subsidy can have impact on the targeted agricultural production only if it will result in a fall in the consumption levels. According to estimates made by Commission for Agricultural Costs and Pricethe impact of price rise on cost of cultivation will not be very significant.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) In order to achieve the above target, a regionally differentiated strategy based on agro climatic zonal planning is being implemented.