

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:910
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SHORTAGE OF FOODGRAINS
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there will be an immediate shortage of foodgrains in the near future due to the prevailing drought situation in the country;
- (b) if so, the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government;
- (c) the quantity of foodgrains lost due to the drought;
- (d) whether the farmers and consumers are likely to face problems in the next Kharif during 2003-04; and
- (e) if so, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c): There is no likely shortage of foodgrains in the near future. It is, however, estimated that the loss of production in Kharif foodgrains will be about 18.72%.

(d) to (e): It is too early to give any indication in this regard.