

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the target for the production of foodgrains in the country during the year 2000-2001 has been fixed at 212 metric tonnes;
- (b) if not, the facts in this regard;
- (c) whether the Government have also fixed target for various foodgrains separately.
- (d) if so, the target fixed for the production of wheat, rice, paddy, cotton, pulses, oilseed and sugarcane;
- (e) the estimated demand of said foodgrains in the country during the current year; and
- (f) the steps taken to boost the production of foodgrains?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)

(a) to (c): Yes, Sir. The details of targets fixed by the Government for production of different foodgrains for 2000-2001 are given below:-

(Million tonnes)

S.No.	Item	2000-2001 Target
1.	Rice	90.00
2.	Wheat	74.00
3.	Coarse Cereals	33.00
4.	Pulses	15.00
Total Foodgrains		212.00

(d): Cotton, Oilseed and Sugarcane do not come under the agricultural commodity group 'foodgrains'. Targets relating to these items for the year 2000/2001 are given below:-

(Million tonnes)

S.No.	Item	2000-2001 Target
1.	Sugarcane	325.00

2. Oilseeds 28.00
3. Cotton# 14.50

= Million bales of 170 kg each.

(e): The estimated requirement of foodgrains for the year 2000/2001 is placed at 195.42 million tonnes as per the norms evolved by the National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad.

(f): The following steps are being taken:-

1. A regionally-differentiated strategy to tap the full potential of every agro-climatic zone;
2. Introduction of Kisan Credit Card Scheme to boost the flow of credit to agriculture sector;
3. Introduction of National Agriculture Insurance Scheme;
4. Creation of a Watershed Development Fund; and
5. Investment Subsidy Scheme for Cold Storage.