

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of various crops including foodgrains and oilseeds is likely to be higher during the ensuing rabi season as compared to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the extent thereof;
- (c) whether the targets fixed for the production of the said crops are likely to be achieved;
- (d) if so, the details regarding the targets fixed and steps initiated to achieve the same during the ensuing rabi season, item-wise;
- (e) whether there has been an increase in the area covered under various crops; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): As per the 2nd advance estimates of production for 2005-06, the production of foodgrains during the ensuing rabi season is 101.17 million tonnes as compared to 101.29 million tonnes produced during the rabi season of 2004-05.

Regarding oilseeds, the estimated production in rabi season of 2005-06 is 10.39 million tonnes which is marginally lower than 11.17 million tonnes of oilseeds production achieved in the rabi season of 2004-05. However, the overall production of foodgrains and oilseeds during 2005-06 is expected to be higher than last year, if weather remains favourable.

(c) & (d): The expected production of foodgrains and oilseeds during ensuing rabi season is likely to be lower than the target due to adverse weather conditions in some of the regions in the country. The crop-wise details of target fixed for rabi season of 2005-06 are shown in the Annexure.

The programmes aimed at boosting production and productivity of foodgrains include the following: The integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based, Wheat Based and Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals) have been subsumed under Macro Management Programme from October 2000 with a view to provide flexibility according to the regionally differentiated needs of the States. To boost agriculture sector and enhancing yields, improved crop production technologies are popularized. Under this scheme assistance is provided for various inputs and training of farmers/ extension workers as well as supply of critical inputs like seeds, sprayers and water saving devices like sprinklers and drip systems.

In order to increase the production and productivity of oilseeds and pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is being implemented since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided for Production of breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed, and minikits, infrastructure development, integrated pest management. A new scheme `Enhancing Sustainability of Dry land/ Rain-fed Farming Systems` aims at addressing issues like rainwater harvesting and its efficient utilization in situ soil moisture conservation; use of organics/organic manures; alternate land use; and adoption of improved dry land farming technologies. This scheme is proposed to be implemented in the arid and semi arid regions of the country.

(e) & (f): As per the latest reports available, the total area under foodgrains and oilseeds in the current rabi season is 621.52 lakh hectares as compared to 601.51 lakh hectares covered last year thus showing an increasing of 20 lakh hectares. The crop-wise details are shown below: Area under different crops in rabi season #

(in lakh hectares)

Crops 2005-06 2004-05

(As on 27.02.06) (Corresponding period)

Wheat	267.01	264.87
Rice	40.57	34.68
Coarse Cereals	68.52	66.98

Pulses	136.14	128.8
Oilseeds	109.28	106.18
Total	621.52	601.51

As reported in the meeting of Crop Weather Watch Group held on 27.02.2006

Annexure

Annexure referred to in reply to part (d) of the Lok Sabha unstarred Question No. 1619 on production of foodgrains due for reply on 6.3.2006.

Production targets of rabi season during 2005-06 of foodgrain and oilseeds Foodgrains

(Million Tonnes)

Crop 2005-06 Targets

Rice	12.35
Wheat	75.53
Jowar	3.33
Maize	2.85
Barley	1.65
Gram	6.17
Other Rabi Pulses	3.20
Total Foodgrains	105.08

Oilseeds

(Lakh Tonnes)

Crop 2005-06 Targets

Groundnut	19.00
Rapeseed & Mustard	71.30
Linseed	2.34
Safflower	2.40
Sunflower	9.30
Total Nine Oilseeds	104.34