

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTIVITY OF CEREAL CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been constant and alarming decline in the Total Factor Productivity of several crops particularly cereal crops in the country;
- (b) if so, the remedial measures the Government proposes to take to arrest this trend;
- (c) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has prepared any plan of action to enhance the productivity levels of cereals and other crops in the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): There is no decline in the growth of agricultural total factor productivity (TFP) in the country. However, there is slowing down of TFP in few pockets for some crops during the recent period. To accelerate the growth of TFP, there is special focus on improving irrigation efficiency, enhanced availability of institutional credit, strengthening of technology systems, augmenting supply of source seed, etc. Research is one of the factors affecting growth in TFP and Indian Council of Agricultural Research has taken steps to accelerate flow of technology to farmers. Important steps taken are: strengthening basic and strategic research, promoting of value chains, expanding frontline extension system, developing partnership with private sector for rapid transfer of technology.