

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PERFORMANCE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agriculture performance, especially in crops like pulses, oilseeds, cotton had not been satisfactory during the last three years;
- (b) if so, whether the Union Government has examine the causes of such poor performance;
- (c) if so, the outcome thereof;
- (d) whether the large number of Centrally Sponsored Schemes led to the resources being thinly spread and lacked focus and effectiveness; and
- (e) if so, the steps taken by the Union Government to make Centrally Sponsored Schemes more effective to gain the fruitful result?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): Agriculture performance in terms of the production of total foodgrains, pulses, oilseeds and cotton during the last three years can be seen from the table below:

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
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Total Foodgrains	198.36	208.60	216.13
Pulses	13.13	13.39	14.23
Oilseeds	24.35	27.98	23.88
Cotton#	16.43	18.50	22.70

4th advance estimates released on 19.07.2007
In million bales of 170 Kg each

The production of total foodgrains, pulses and cotton shows an increasing trend. Oilseeds production in 2006-07 declined mainly because of less area coverage under oilseeds as compared to that in 2005-06.

(d) & (e): Periodical reviews of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes are done by the Union Government to maintain their focus, effectiveness and fruitfulness, and to get the optimum use of the resources.