

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3648  
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DECLINE IN RAI PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total quantity of rai produced in the country during the last three years, particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) whether there has been a sharp decline in the production of rai in the country particularly in Karnataka;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of rai in the country?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c): Following table gives the total quantity of rai (rapeseed & mustard) produced in the country and in Karnataka during the last three years:

| (000 Tonnes) |         |         |          |
|--------------|---------|---------|----------|
| State        | 2004-05 | 2005-06 | 2006-07# |
| All-India    | 7593.0  | 8131.0  | 7097.0   |
| Karnataka    | 2.0     | 2.0     | 1.0      |

# 4th advance estimates as on 19.07.2007

Decline in the production of rapeseed & mustard in the country is attributable to decline in both area coverage and yield of rapeseed & mustard in 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06. The level of production of rapeseed & mustard in Karnataka is insignificant.

(d): To increase the production of rapeseed & mustard in the country, Centrally Sponsored Scheme of `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) is in place since 01.04.2004. Under this scheme, assistance is provided on 75:25 basis between the Government of India and the State Governments for production of breeder seed, foundation seed and certified seed, crash programme for quality seed production, distribution of certified seed and minikits, infrastructure development and integrated pest management.