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INCREASE DECREASE IN PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of foodgrains is likely to increase during 2007-08 over the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) the details of the production of various foodgrains alongwith the extent of increase or decrease over the previous year;
- (d) whether the per capita production and consumption of rice and wheat has increased in the Eleventh Five Year Plan as compared to the previous plan;
- (e) if so, the details thereof;
- (f) the steps taken by the Government for diversification of the cropping pattern;
- (g) whether the Government has reviewed the performance of States on the production of foodgrains; and
- (h) if so, the comparative details thereof, State-wise?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. As per the 2nd advance estimates released on 7th February 2008, production of foodgrains during 2007-08 is estimated at 219.32 million tonnes which is 2.04 million tonnes more than the 217.28 million tonnes of foodgrains production during 2006-07. The State-wise details of production of foodgrains during 2007-08 in major producing States are given in the Annexure.

(c): Table below presents the production of various foodgrains alongwith the extent of increase or decrease over the previous year:

Crop	(Million Tonnes)		
	Production 2007-08	Production 2006-07	Extent of Increase/Decrease (-)
Rice	94.08	93.35	0.73
Wheat	74.81	75.81	-1.00
Coarse Cereals	36.09	33.92	2.17
Pulses	14.34	14.20	0.14
Foodgrains	219.32	217.28	2.04

2nd advance estimates released on 07.02.2008

(d)&(e): During the 10th Five Year Plan (2002-03 to 2006-07), the average per capita production was 78.63 kilograms for rice and 64.58 kilogram for wheat and it is estimated to be 82.66 kilogram for rice and 65.73 kilogram for wheat during the first year, i.e., 2007-08, of the 11th Five Year Plan.

As per the National Sample Survey (NSS) 62nd Round Report on `Household Consumer Expenditure in India, 2005-06`, the all-India monthly per capita quantity of consumption of rice was 6.54 kilograms in rural areas and 4.79 kilograms in urban areas compared to 6.55 kilograms in rural areas and 4.85 kilograms in urban areas during NSS 61st Round (2004-05). The all-India monthly per capita quantity of consumption of wheat was reported as 4.35 kilograms in rural areas and 4.53 kilograms in urban areas (NSS 62nd Round) as compared to 4.29 kilograms in rural areas and 4.65 kilograms in urban areas (NSS 61st Round).

(f): A number of schemes including Integrated Cereals Development Programmes (ICDP) in Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals; Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Technology Mission on Cotton and recently launched National Food Security Mission are in place for diversification of the cropping pattern.

(g) & (h): The Government reviews the performance of the States on a continuous basis in the weekly Crop Weather Watch Group Meetings held in the Ministry. The comparative details of production of foodgrains are given in the Annexure.