

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4924
ANSWERED ON:28.04.2008
FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
Siddeswara Shri Gowdar Mallikarjunappa

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to downscale the estimates regarding foodgrain production in 2008-09;
- (b) the revised target set for Kharif and Rabi seasons during the above period separately; and
- (c) the reasons for downscaling the said estimates?

Answer

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

- (a): The agriculture year 2008-09 has not yet started. The estimates of foodgrain production are brought out when the agriculture year is in progress, by following a well established procedure.
- (b): The targets of crop production for both Kharif and Rabi seasons are set before the start of the agriculture year.
- (c): Does not arise.