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REDUCTION IN RAGI AND JOWAR
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a drastic reduction in the production of essential cereals Ragi and Jowar in the country particularly in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Maharashtra;
- (b) if so, the details regarding production of these cereals in the above mentioned States during the last three years;
- (c) the reasons for the decrease in the production of Ragi and Jowar;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of Ragi and Jowar particularly in Karnataka; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Production of Ragi in the country was 1.44 million tonnes during 2006-07 which increased to 2.07 million tonnes during 2007-08 (3rd Advance Estimates released on 22.04.2008). Production of Jowar in the country was 7.15 million tonnes during 2006-07 which increased to 7.73 million tonnes during 2007-08. The details of production of Ragi and Jowar in the States of Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Maharashtra during 2005-06 to 2007-08 are given in the table below:

Ragi
('000 Tonnes)
States 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

Karnataka 1724.0 816.0 1401.0

Andhra Pradesh 79.0 64.0 62.0

Tamil Nadu 132.7 148.2 185.0

Orissa 40.3 43.1 45.0

Maharashtra 132.0 123.0 120.0

3rd Advance Estimates released on 22.04.2008.

Jowar
('000 Tonnes)
States 2005-06 2006-07 2007-08

Karnataka 1665.0 1312.0 1544.0

Andhra Pradesh 588.0 411.0 473.0

Tamil Nadu 231.4 294.0 349.0

Orissa 5.7 5.8 6.0

Maharashtra 3904.0 3772.0 4200.0

3rd Advance Estimates released on 22.04.2008.

Production of Ragi and Jowar decreased in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra because of less area coverage under the crop during 2006-07 as compared to 2005-06.

(d) & (e): To increase the production of Ragi and Jowar in the country, including Karnataka, Government is implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping System Area (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) since October 2000 under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture. This scheme is implemented on 90:10 sharing basis between Government of India and the States. Under this scheme, assistance is provided to the farmers for distribution of seeds, propagation of improved production technology, Integrated Pest Management (IPM), training of farmers including women, farm implements and installation of sprinkler irrigation system. Besides, Frontline Demonstrations are also organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research/State Agriculture Universities on the farmers' fields to popularize the frontier technologies among farmers.