

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:483

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FOODGRAINS PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of various foodgrains has been declining during each of the last three years and till date;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the present foodgrains production is sufficient to meet the needs of the growing population; and
- (d) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of foodgrains in 2008-09 and 2009-10?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 483 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28TH APRIL, 2008.

(a) to (c): No, Sir. The total foodgrains production which was 198.36 million tonnes in 2004-05, increased to 208.60 million tonnes in 2005-06 and further to 217.28 million tonnes in 2006-07. The total foodgrains production during 2007-08 is estimated at Rs.227.32 million tonnes (3rd Advance Estimates released on 22nd April, 2008). Crop-wise production details during the years 2004-05 to 2007-08 are given in the table below:

(Million Tonnes)

Crop	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Rice	83.13	91.79	93.35	95.68
Wheat	68.64	69.35	75.81	76.78
Coarse Cereals	33.46	34.06	33.92	39.67
Pulses	13.13	13.39	14.20	15.19
Total Foodgrains	198.36	208.60	217.28	227.32

3rd advance estimates released on 22.04.2008.

The production of total foodgrains in the country estimated at 227.32 million tonnes during 2007-08 is about 13 million tonnes more than the projected demand of 214.02 million tonnes during the year.

(d): In order to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Food Security Mission" (NFSM) has been launched in the country from Rabi 2007-08. It aims at adding the production of rice by 10 million tonnes, wheat by 8 million tonnes and pulses by 2 million tonnes by the end of the Eleventh Plan, i.e., 2011-12 through area increase and productivity enhancement in targeted districts. Besides, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with an objective to incentivise the States to increase investment in agricultural and allied sector has been launched.