

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of foodgrains in which the country has achieved self-sufficiency;
- (b) whether Government proposes to export these items;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to encourage diversification of cropping pattern?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

- (a): The production of foodgrains in 2008-09 is 234.47 million tonnes which is all time record production in the country. The country is self sufficient in foodgrain production except pulses.
- (b) & (c): Government of India has allowed export of basmati rice, very small quantities of non-Basmati rice and specialized cereals to selected countries.
- (d): The Production of Foodgrains is encouraged under various Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) under Macro Management, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM). Besides, horticultural & vegetables crops are encouraged under National Horticulture Mission and Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States and Himalayan States.