

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SHORTFALL IN RICE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production, demand and consumption of rice in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the rice production in 2009-10 season has registered a shortfall due to drought and floods in different parts of the country; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the measures being taken by the Government to overcome the decline in rice production?

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 latest data on per capita consumption of rice available from Consumer Expenditure Surveys of National Sample Survey Organisation pertain to the year 2006-07. State-wise details of estimated production of rice for the years 2006-07 to 2009-10 and its consumption based on the Consumer Expenditure Survey for the year 2006-07 are given in the Annexure. State-wise estimates of demand of rice are not available. However, as per the projections made by the Working Group of Planning Commission for the 11th Five Year Plan, the projected demand vis- a-vis estimated production of rice in the country during 2007-08 to 2009-10 is given in the table below:

(In Million Tonnes)

Year	Projected Demand of Rice	Estimated Production of Rice
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2007-08	90.91	96.69
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2008-09	92.87	99.18
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2009-10	94.83	87.56
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(2nd Advance Estimate)

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Due to drought and floods in different parts of the country, the production of rice during kharif 2009-10 has been affected significantly. As per the Second Advance Estimated released on 12th February, 2010, the production of kharif rice during 2009-10 is estimated at 72.87 million tones as compared to 84.91 million tones during kharif 2008-09.

The Government took a number of pro-active measures to mitigate the drought situation in the country. Some of the important measures taken by the Government include assistance to the States to save the standing kharif crops by providing additional power, diesel subsidy etc.; increase in the area under rabi cultivation to compensate for loss in kharif; increasing upper sealing of distribution subsidy on certified seeds under Government of India programmes; providing assistance from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/ National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) and regular review with the concerned Central Ministries/Departments and State Governments, etc.