

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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MID TERM APPRAISAL OF FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently taken cognisance of the mid-term review related to the economy in which it has been indicated that in the next few months decline in foodgrain production will persist; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the concrete measures being taken by the Government to increase food 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) & (b): The mid-year review for 2009-10 anticipated adverse impact of drought on agricultural GDP. As per Central Statistical Organization, the agriculture and allied sector GDP is likely to show a decline of 0.2 per cent during 2009-10 as against the previous year's growth rate of 1.6 per cent (Advance Estimates). Government of India has taken steps to tackle the problem such as stepping up outlay under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.