

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of production of rice, wheat, pulses and oilseeds during the years 2007-08, 2008-09 and 2009-10;
- (b) the status of consumption of rice, wheat, oilseeds and pulses during the above period;
- (c) the details of cultivable land under rice, wheat, oilseeds, pulses and sugarcane during the last three years, separately; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to enhance the production of these food items and the results thereof?

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 details of production of rice, wheat, pulses and oilseeds during the years 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as under :

(Million tonnes)
Crops 2007-08 2008-09 2009-10#
Rice 96.69 99.18 87.56
Wheat 78.57 80.68 80.28
Pulses 14.76 14.57 14.74
Oilseeds 29.76 27.72 26.32

2nd Advance Estimates released on 12.02.2010.

- (b): Details of consumption of rice, wheat, oilseeds, pulses etc. are collected through Consumer Expenditure Surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation. The consumption estimates from the above surveys are available only upto 2006-07.

- (c): The details of area coverage under rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and sugarcane during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 to 2008-09 are as under :

(Million hectare)
Crops 2006-07 2007-08 2008-09
Rice 43.81 43.91 45.54
Wheat 27.99 28.04 27.75
Pulses 23.19 23.63 22.09
Oilseeds 26.51 26.69 27.56
Sugarcane 5.15 5.06 4.42

- (d): Government is implementing a number of schemes to enhance the production of rice, wheat, pulses, oilseeds and sugarcane in the country through area increase and productivity enhancement. Major schemes being implemented by the Government include National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) subsumed under Macro Management of Agriculture etc. Besides, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana launched by the Government also aims to incentivise the

States to increase the investment in Agricultural and Allied Sectors. Government also provides encouragement to farmers by ensuring remunerative prices for their produce in the form of Minimum Support Price of various crops revised from time to time. The above steps have led to increased production of rice, wheat, pulses and other foodgrains in the country during the 11th Five Year Plan.