

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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KHARIF PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has made any estimate of the Kharif Crop output including foodgrains, oilseeds and cotton etc.
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which it is likely to help in attaining self-sufficiency and to control the prices of foodgrains and edible oil?

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): Yes, Madam. The details of estimated production of major kharif crops including foodgrains, oilseeds and cotton in the country during 2009-10 are as under:

Crop Estimated Production during kharif 2009-10#
(Million Tonnes)

Rice	72.87
Jowar	2.51
Bajra	6.39
Maize	11.66
Coarse Cereals	22.77
Tur	2.50
Pulses	4.21
Foodgrains	99.85
Groundnut	3.92
Soyabean	10.22
Oilseeds	16.19
Cotton	22.32
Sugarcane	251.27

As per 2nd advance estimates released on 12.02.2010

(c): Stock of rice in the Central Pool as on 01.10.2009 was 149.14 lakh tonnes against the buffer norm of 52 lakh tonnes and strategic reserve of 20.0 lakh tonnes. With the estimated procurement of 260.0 lakh tonnes of rice in the current Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2009-10 and the procurement of 336.0 lakh tonnes of rice during KMS 2008-09, the position of rice stock in Central pool is comfortable. Further, to check the price rise in wheat and rice, the major steps taken by the Government are as under:-

Additional allocation of wheat/rice @ 10 kgs/family/ month has been made for January and February 2010 for AAY, BPL and APL card holders.

Allocation to State Governments under OMSS (domestic) for release of 20 lakh tonnes of wheat has been made from October 2009 to March 2010.

In addition to above, 10 lakh tonnes of wheat was also allocated by the Government for sale to bulk consumers by FCI during October 2009 to March 2010.

- # A quantity of 10 lakh tonnes of rice was allocated to State Governments during October 2009 to March 2010 for distribution to retail consumers.
- # Wheat export on private account has been banned from 09.02.2007 till further orders.
- # Import of wheat and rice at zero duty has been permitted till further orders.
- # The Central issue prices of rice and wheat have not been increased since 01.07.2002.
- # The increased MSP of wheat and rice has resulted into their enhanced availability through higher procurement.
- # Export of non-basmati rice has been banned w.e.f. 01.04.2008.