

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the details of availability of pulses, sugar and rice for the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the Government has received demands for the said items from various State Governments;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken to augment the production of these items?

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): As per the Second Advance Estimates the production of pulses in 2009-10 is estimated at 14.74 million tonnes and of rice at 87.56 million tonnes. The Central Government allocates levy sugar and non-levy quota to each factory on monthly basis, which is freely moveable from one state to another state.

(b) & (c): State Governments of Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhatisgarh, Goa, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, Mizoram, Nagaland, Tamilnadu, Uttarakhand, A&N Islands and Lakshadweep have requested for additional allocations of foodgrains during 2009-10.

In case of sugar, the Central Government allocates levy sugar quota to each State/UTs as per the norms.

(d): With a view to augment the production of foodgrains, the Government is implementing, inter alia, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme etc.

The measures introduced by the Government to augment the production of sugarcane, inter alia, includes fixation of Fair & Remunerative Price (FRP) of sugarcane payable by sugar mills, Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System's (SUBACS), concessional loans to sugar factories from Sugar Development Fund (SDF) for modernization of plant and machinery, expansion of crushing capacity etc.