

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any Resolution was adopted at the 53rd meeting of the National Development Council on Agriculture to increase agricultural production and productivity in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether some schemes launched in this regard namely, National Food Security Mission and other, Additional Central Assistance Schemes for additional production of rice, wheat and pulses have been successful in increasing the production and productivity of these crops;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to implement these schemes and to achieve the target conceived therein?

**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 National Development Council (NDC) in its 53rd meeting adopted a resolution to increase agricultural production and productivity in the country. Pursuant to the resolution, two schemes

(i) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana to incentivize the States to draw up plans for their agriculture and allied sector more comprehensively to contribute to achieve 4% growth in agriculture during 11th Plan and

(ii) National Food Security Mission (NFSM) to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tones respectively by the end of XI Plan, were launched in 2007-08.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. The focused and target oriented technological interventions under NFSM have made a significant impact in terms of increase in production.

Production in rice increased from 93.35 million tones to 99.18 million tones in 2008-09. Production of wheat increased from 75.81 million tones to 80.68 million tones in 2008-09. Production of pulses increased from 14.20 million tones in 2006-07 to 14.57 million tones in 2008-09. The State's allocation for agriculture and allied sector has increased from 5.11% in 2006-07 to 5.84% in 2008-09 (RE) as a result of incentivisation under RKVY. Projects of over Rs.7,500 crore have also been taken up under RKVY since its launch to improve agriculture infrastructure and increase growth of agriculture and allied sector.