

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:828

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DECLINE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION DUE TO DROUGHT

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had made an assessment regarding decline in agricultural production due to drought in the country in the year 2009; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the outcome of the assessment in this regard?

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 delayed/deficient monsoon and drought in various parts of the country had significantly adverse impact on agricultural production during kharif season. As per the Second Advance Estimates released on 12th February, 2010, the estimated production of rice, wheat, coarse cereals, pulses, oilseeds, foodgrains, cotton and sugarcane during 2009-10 vis-à-vis their production estimates for 2008-09 are given in the table below:-

Crop Production
(Million Tonnes)

	2009-10	2008-09
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Rice	87.56	99.18
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Wheat	80.28	80.68
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Coarse Cereals	34.27	40.03
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Pulses	14.74	14.57
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Foodgrains	216.85	234.47
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Oilseeds	26.32	27.72
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Cotton#	22.32	22.28
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Sugarcane	251.27	285.03
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Million Bales (of 170 Kgs. Each)