

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the requirement of foodgrains including pulses and the actual production in the country including Rajasthan during each of the last three years and current year, crop-wise and State- wise;
- (b) whether the foodgrains production in the country was less than the requirement during the said period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor and the steps taken by the Government in this regard, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to launch a second Green Revolution in order to increase the production and productivity of foodgrains; and
- (e) if so, the details 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)to(c): The requirement of foodgrains and the pulses at all India level have been estimated by Working Group of Planning Commission for 11th Five Year Plan. As per the projection made by the above Working Group and taking into account the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Agriculture to enhance production of foodgrains, the projected requirement/demand and estimated production of foodgrains including pulses in the country during 2007-08 to 2009-10 are as under:-

(Million Tonnes)
Year Projected demand Estimated Production

2007-08 214.02 230.78

2008-09 219.01 234.47

2009-10# 224.04 216.85

#2nd Advance Estimates

During 2007-08 and 2008-09, the estimated production of foodgrains has been in excess of the projected demand. However, during 2009-10, the delayed/deficient monsoon and drought in various parts of the country had adverse impact on the production during kharif season as a result of which, the estimated production of foodgrains during 2009-10 is lower than the projected demand.

In Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2008-09 and 2009-10, there has been record procurement of 226.89 lakh tones and 253.82 lakh tones of wheat in the country. Similarly, there has also been record procurement of 287.36 lakh tones and 336.84 lakh tones of rice during Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2007-08 and 2008-09 respectively. With considerably higher procurement of wheat and rice during the last two years and estimated procurement of about 260 lakh tones of rice in current year i.e.2009-10, the stocks of rice and wheat in the Central Pool are sufficient to meet the requirement of TPDS and other welfare schemes.

(d) & (e): In order to enhance production and productivity of various crops in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes such as National Food Security Mission, Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme. Under NFSM, it is targeted to enhance the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 and 2 million tones respectively by the end of XI Plan i.e. 2011-12 through area expansion and productivity enhancement in the

identified districts of the country. Apart from these schemes, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), an umbrella programme is focusing on increase in public investment for achieving 4% growth rate in agriculture & allied sector in the 11th Plan. Further, for productivity enhancement, the Government has also taken a number of steps to develop improved varieties of crops through research initiatives by various institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).