

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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FOODGRAINS PRODUCTIVITY

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether foodgrains productivity has declined in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) whether the country's agricultural productivity still runs far below the world productivity average;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and steps taken by the Government in this regard;
- (e) the details of foodgrains production including pulses during each of the last three years and the current year, crop-wise and State-wise; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to increase the foodgrains production?

**Answer**

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(a) & (b): Productivity of foodgrains in the country has gone up from 1652 kg/ha in 2004-05 to 1909 kg/ha in 2008-09. State-wise details of productivity of foodgrains during 2004-05 and 2008-09 are given in Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): As per the available data from the Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) for the year 2007, the productivity of foodgrains in India vis-à-vis some other developing and developed countries in the World is given below:-

Country    Productivity of Foodgrains (Kg/ha)

Canada    2817

USA        6619

China     5185

Pakistan  2521

France    6473

India      2239

Indonesia 4398

Thailand   3003

(e): The State-wise details of production of major foodgrains including pulses during the last three years (2006-07 to 2008-09) and the current year 2009-10 are given in Annexure-II.

(f): In order to increase the production and productivity of foodgrains in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes, namely, National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojna (RKVY) and the Integrated Cereals Development programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice), Integrated Cereals Development programme in Wheat Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Wheat) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals) subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture.