

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTIVITY OF CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the productivity of wheat and rice and cash crops including sugarcane and cotton in the country during each of the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken to increase the productivity of these crops?

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): State-wise details of productivity of rice, wheat, sugarcane, cotton, jute and mesta during the years 2006-07 to 2008-09 are given in the Annexure. The productivity of rice, sugarcane, cotton, jute and mesta has shown a decline and that of wheat has shown an increase during the last three years.

(c): Government is implementing a number of schemes to enhance the production and productivity of rice, wheat, sugarcane, cotton, jute and mesta in the country. Major schemes being implemented by the Government include National Food Security Mission (NFSM) which, inter-alia, aims at enhancing the productivity of rice and wheat, Integrated Cereals Development Programmes (ICDP), Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System (SUBACS) and Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Mini Mission-II on Cotton and Jute etc. subsumed under Macro Management of Agriculture. The Central Institute for Cotton Research, Nagpur and all India Coordinated Research Project on Cotton are engaged in developing suitable varieties/hybrids, technologies for disease and pest management and production technologies for increasing productivity of the cotton in the country. The Sugarcane Breeding Institute, Coimbatore and Indian Institute for Sugarcane Research, Lucknow are devoted for developing high yielding varieties of sugarcane. All-India coordinated research project on sugarcane through its coordinating centres involving State Agricultural Universities located in different agro-climatic zones of the country are also developing high yielding varieties of sugarcane. Central Research Institute for Jute & allied Fibres, Barrackpore and all India Network Project on Jute & allied fibres are working for improving productivity of jute and allied fibres in the country. Besides, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) launched during 2007-08 envisages creation of infrastructure for enhancing production and productivity of agricultural crops in the country.