

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF DOLLAR CHANA  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether there has been a decline in the production of dollar chana in the country including Madhya Pradesh during the current year in comparison to the previous year;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to increase the production of dollar chana in the country?

**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): Overall production of gram including dollar chana in the country would be increased during current year as compared to last year. There is an increase of 0.4 million tones of gram during current year (09-10) compared to 7.06 million tones in 08-09.

(Production in million tones)  
Crop 2008-09 2009-10

Gram 7.06 7.46#

# 2nd advance estimates(ESA)

(c): Government of India has been actively promoting the production of pulses through various crop development schemes viz. National Food security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Macro management Mode of Agriculture (MMMA).

Under these programmes, assistance is provided to the farmers for the procurement of quality seed, nutrients, plant protection chemicals, farm machinery etc. Capacity building of farmers and transfer of technology to farmers' fields is also ensured through demonstrations and farmers field schools