

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3971  
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IMPORT OF RICE  
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**Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether a recent report by the Associated Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ASSOCHAM) has warned that by 2020 India will have to import rice to meet its requirement;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;
- (c) whether a long term study on the status of production of rice in India is being made; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The ASSOCHAM in its research report on Rice, 2009 had indicated that India may become a net importer by 2020. ASSOCHAM has presumed that country will require about 109 million tonnes of rice in 2020 presuming population growth rate to decline to 1.6% and assuming per capita consumption at current rate of 78.5 Kg per year. Report has also indicated that with average yield growth of 1.18% of the last decade in the next decade too, and area of cultivation remains constant, the production is likely to be about 108 million tonnes. However, rice has shown compound growth index of 1.90% during 2001-08. In order to enhance production and productivity of rice, Government of India has been implementating various Centrally Sponsored Schemes namely, National Food Security Mission-Rice (NFSM-Rice) as well as Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) under Macro Management of Agriculture. Besides, Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rashtriya Krishi Vikash Yojana (RKVY) has been launched for enhancing investment in agriculture sector to enhance productivity of various crops including rice.