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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether agricultural production has increased by 8.37 per cent and there has been a growth of 6.92 per cent in production rate during 2001-02 to 2007-08;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there has been a steep hike in the amount of subsidy provided during the said period;
- (d) whether the growth rate in agricultural production is not commensurate with the increase in subsidy;and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): The details of estimated production and production rate (yield) of foodgrains during 2001-02 and 2007-08 along with percentage increase during the above period are given in the table below:-

Year	2001-02	2007-08	% increase
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Estimated Production (million tonnes)	212.85	230.78	8.42
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Estimated Yield (kg/ha.)	1734	1860	7.27
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(c) to (e): Subsidy is provided under various components of most of the Centrally Sponsored Schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation. However, funds are released by the Department to the State Governments as grants in aid. State Governments disburse funds as subsidy to beneficiaries. Details of subsidy element of various schemes are available on the website of the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation www.agricoop.nic.in. The allocation of funds under the various schemes implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has increased from Rs.1956.90 crore (BE) during 2001-02 to Rs. 6927.94 crore (RE) during 2007-08. Fertilizer subsidy has also substantially increased from Rs. 12695.02 crore in 2001-02 to Rs. 43319.16 crore during 2007-08.

The agricultural growth rate is subject to fluctuations due to influence of a number of factors like monsoon, weather, availability of water and quality of land among others.