

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RATE OF FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rate of production of foodgrains is lesser than the growth rate of population during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years; and
- (c) the details of the schemes introduced by the Union Government to increase the food production alongwith the achievements thereof during the last five years?

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): No, Madam. Details of annual rate of growth in the projected population and production foodgrains in the country during the last three years are given below:-

Year	Annual growth rate (%)	Projected Population	Production of Foodgrains
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2006-07	1.50	4.16	
2007-08	1.47	6.21	
2008-09	1.44	1.60	

(c): Major schemes/programmes introduced by the Government during the last five years to increase the production of foodgrains are: National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY). As a result of these programmes and other initiative taken by the Government, the production of foodgrains in the country has increased from 198.36 million tonnes during 2004-05 to a record level of 234.47 million tonnes during 2008-09.