

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF AGRICULTURE
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the annual production of wheat, paddy, jowar, small millet and maize during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (b) the quantum of paddy required in Maharashtra;
- (c) whether the jowar is being diverted for manufacturing liquor; and
- (d) if so, the likely effect of the diversion?

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): State-wise details of production of wheat, rice, jowar, bajra and maize during the last three years i.e. 2006-07 to 2008-09 are given in the Annexure.
- (b): Based upon the latest available data on consumption of rice for 2007-08 collected through Consumer Expenditure Surveys of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO), the consumption of paddy in Maharashtra has been estimated at 60.66 lakh tonnes.
- (c) & (d): Yes, Madam. During 2006-07 to 2008-09, approximately 1.51 lakh tonnes of jowar has been used for production of liquor. As the quantity of jowar utilized for production of liquor is just over one per cent of the total production of jowar in Maharashtra, it is not likely to have any significant impact on the overall food supply scenario in the State.