

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

- (a) whether the agricultural production during 2009-10 is low and has affected the economic growth;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the output of kharif and horticulture crops during 2009-10;
- (d) the action plan prepared by the Government for increasing kharif crop production in the States, including Madhya Pradesh;
- (e) whether the Government proposes to accord priority to coarse grains; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

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): Yes, Madam. Due to decline in agricultural production during 2009-10, the growth rate in GDP of Agriculture & Allied Sectors (base 2004-05) has declined to - 0.2% (advance estimates) as compared to a growth of 1.6% (quick estimates) during 2008-09.

(c): Details of production of major kharif crops and horticulture crops in the country during the year 2009-10 are given in the Annexure.

(d): In order to increase production of kharif crops in the country including Madhya Pradesh, Government is implementing a number of Schemes such as National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Macro Management of Agriculture, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize etc. As part of the National Conference on Kharif Campaign organized by Ministry of Agriculture, the State Governments have been asked to keep their contingency plans ready for different scenarios of performance of monsoon 2010. State-wise requirement of various inputs such as seed, fertilizers etc. have also been tied up. Government of Madhya Pradesh has fixed district-wise targets for area/production/ seeds/fertilizers and communicated to field functionaries for meeting these targets. The State Government is also giving emphasis on use of technology, timely sowing, plant protection measures, seed replacement, popularization of inter cropping, expansion of area under high yielding varieties, use of hybrid seeds etc.

(e) & (f): Production of Coarse Grains in various parts of the country is promoted depending on the local agro-climatic conditions. To increase production of coarse grains in the country, Government is implementing the Integrated Cereals Development Programme(Coarse Cereals) and Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) in different States.