

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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TARGET FOR RABI CROPS  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the target fixed and achievements made by the Government for the production of rabi crops for the year 2009-10;
- (b) whether the Government has been successful in achieving the production target; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor alongwith the measures taken by the Government to increase the foodgrain production?

**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): The targets vs. production of Rabi food grain Crops during 2009-10 (as per 4th Advanced Estimates 2010) are as under:

Million tonnes		
Name of the Crops	Target	Production2009-10 (4th Advanced Estimates)
Rice	14.50	13.22
Wheat	79.00	80.70
Total Coarse Cereals	10.45	10.13
Pulses	10.00	10.29
Total Food grains	113.95	114.35

Source: Directorate of Economics & Statistics (DAC)

(b): Yes, Madam. The target for total food grain production is achieved. However, the production of rice is little less than the target mainly due to moisture stress in some rice growing areas during Rabi.

(c): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing various crop development programmes of National Food Security Mission, Macro management Scheme of Agriculture, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana etc. for increasing the production and productivity of food grains in the country. Besides, new schemes of Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and Organizing 60,000 Pulses and Oilseed Villages have been initiated during 2010-11 to tap the potential of eastern Indian states for enhancing agriculture production and promotion of mechanization in watershed areas for enhancing the productivity of the dry land farming areas respectively. In order to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production, and to safeguard the interest of consumers by making available supplies at reasonable prices Minimum support prices are declared every year.