

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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TARGET FOR RICE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has set a target of producing about 100 million tone of rice in 2010-11 by bringing more area under hybrid seeds; and

(b) 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. Promotion of Hybrid Rice technologies is one of the key strategies to achieve 100 million tones of rice in 2010-11. Hybrid rice is promoted under various Crop Development Schemes of National Food Security Mission- Rice, (NFSM-Rice), Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System Areas (ICDP-Rice) & Rashtriya Krishi Viksas Yojana (RKVY). Under these schemes, assistances is provided for organizing technology demonstrations of hybrid rice at farmer's field and for Production & distribution of hybrid seeds. Besides certified seeds, notified truthfully labelled (TL) seeds of hybrid rice are also allowed for distribution to the farmers during 2010-11 (subject to non-availability of certified seed of hybrid rice) to encourage more coverage under hybrid rice thereby achieving higher production of rice.