

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:51

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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the production of foodgrains, oilseeds, sugarcane etc. in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether the agricultural production in the country has remained stagnant or has declined during the above period;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the current level of production of foodgrains is adequate to meet the existing demand in the country; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, and the strategy adopted and the schemes formulated by the Government to increase production and meet the futuristic requirements?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 51 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH JULY, 2009.

(a) to (c): The State-wise and crop-wise production of foodgrains, oilseeds, sugarcane and cotton in the country during the years 2005-06 to 2008-09 is given in the Annexure. Generally, there has been increase in the production of foodgrains, cotton and oilseeds. However, in the case of some oilseeds (groundnut and mustard) and sugarcane, there have been wide fluctuations and dip in production in 2008-09 due to unfavourable weather conditions and area shift from these crops to relatively more remunerative crops.

(d) & (e): Yes, Madam. Currently, the production of foodgrains in the country is adequate to meet the demand. For the year 2008-09, as against the projected demand of 219.00 million tonnes of foodgrains, the production is estimated at 229.85 million tonnes. By the end of 11th Plan, i.e. 2011-12, as against the projected demand of 234.26 million tonnes, the projected production of foodgrains is 239.30 million tonnes. In order to meet the demand in the years to come, several steps have been taken to increase production of foodgrains in the country and programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) etc. are under implementation.