

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1472
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2010
NATIONAL FOOD SECURITY MISSION
Shekhar Shri Neeraj

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite the launching of the National Food Security Mission in the country, the production of foodgrain and oilseed has declined; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a)&(b): The Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) was launched during Rabi, 2007-08 with an aim of increasing the production by 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by the end of Eleventh Five Year Plan (2011-12). The Scheme covers rice, wheat and pulses only. Oilseed is not covered under the NFSM.

The focus and target oriented technological intervention under NSFM has made a significant impact since inception which is reflected by the fact that during the year 2006-07, the foodgrain production was recorded at 217.28 million tonnes which increased to 234.47 million tonnes during 2008-09 showing an increase of 17.19 million tonnes over the production of 2006-07 i.e. prior to inception of the NFSM scheme. As per the 4th advance estimate of 2009-10, the production of foodgrain is estimated as 218.20 million tonnes. This reduction in food grain production during 2009-10 is due to widespread drought that prevailed in most parts of the country during Kharif, 2009.

As regards Oilseeds, the total production was 242.89 lakh tonnes during 2006-07 and had shown increasing trend i.e., 297.55 lakh tonnes during 2007-08 which as per 4th Advance Estimate was showing a declining trend to a level of 249.28 lakh tonnes mainly on account of severe drought in 2009-10.