

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the targets set and achievements made for production of wheat, paddy, pulses, cotton, sugarcane, jowar, bajra and ragi during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and crop-wise;
- (b) the reasons for shortfall in the production;
- (c) the consumption of wheat, rice and pulses during the said period and the shortfall thereof alongwith the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the agricultural production?

**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 State-wise and crop-wise targets set and achievements made for production of wheat, paddy, pulses, cotton, sugarcane, jowar, bajra and ragi during the last three years and target of production during the current year is at Annexure-I to IV respectively. The shortfall in production in the crop is mainly attributed to unfavourable climatic condition that prevailed during those years.

(c): State-wise estimated consumption of Foodgrains is annexed at Annexure-V.

(d): Department of Agriculture & Cooperation has been implementing various crop development programmes of National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereal Development Programme for Rice, Wheat and Coarse Cereals and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture, Mini Mission – II of Technology Mission on Cotton etc. for increasing the production and productivity of food grains, sugarcane and cotton in the country. Besides, new schemes of 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 area for enhancing the productivity of the dry land farming areas respectively. Minimum support prices are declared every year to ensure remunerative prices to the growers for their produce with a view to encourage higher investment and production.