

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increased production of wheat in the current year owing to better monsoon; 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): It is too early to provide production estimates of wheat, for which sowing has just commenced for the current year. The prospects for Rabi have been reviewed by the Department at various levels with the wheat growing States. The agro-climatic conditions so far continue to be favourable for Rabi season. Adequate water is stored in reservoirs across the country. Late season rains have also helped in keeping soil moisture level congenial for rainfed wheat. Due to these climatic factors and active promotion of crop development programmes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Macro-Management of Agriculture (MMA), it is expected that the production of wheat could be better than the best achieved last year.