

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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LOSS DUE TO DROUGHT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether foodgrains production in the current year has suffered a setback due to the failure of kharif crops on account of severe drought in the country;
- (b) if so, the extent of losses suffered in this regard; and
- (c) the manner in which the Government proposes to make good the loss so as to maintain the public distribution system in the country?

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) to (c): As per the First Advance Estimates for Kharif 2010, the foodgrains production is estimated to be 114.63 million tones as against 103.84 million tones as per Fourth Advance Estimates for Kharif 2009. In view of higher procurement during last year and current year, the stocks available in the Central Pool are adequate to meet the requests of foodgrains under Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) in the country.