

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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GROWTH RATE IN PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed the percentage of annual growth rate for production of foodgrains in the country for the coming years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the norms adopted for fixing the annual growth rate;
- (c) whether the Government has identified the foodgrains, the production of which can be augmented in order to achieve these targets;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the increase likely to be achieved in the growth rate alongwith its ratio as compared to the existing growth rate?

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): The percentage of annual growth for production of foodgrains is fixed on a year to year basis within the context of 11th Plan targets in respect of Agricultural Sector. The Government has not fixed the percentage of annual growth rate for the production of foodgrains in the country for the coming years. A statement showing the targets for the production of goodgrains for the year 2010-11 is at annexure-I.

(c) & (d): The Government is emphasizing all the major cereals and pulses for increasing the foodgrains production. Government has launched several scheme to increase investments in agricultural sector and for accelerating agricultural growth. The details are at annexure-II.

(e): Does not arise as the growth rate/ratio are determined on a year to year basis within the 11th five year plan targets for agriculture sector.