

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF PADDY

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target fixed for production of paddy for the current year and the actual production achieved in the country including Uttar Pradesh, State-wise;
- (b) the average production of paddy in each State vis-a-vis the country's average production during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to develop high yielding varieties of paddy;and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

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 target fixed for production of paddy during the year 2010-11 is 102.00 million tones, including 87.00 million tones for Kharif and 15.00 million tones for Rabi. The state-wise estimated production of Rice in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, including Uttar Pradesh is given at Annexure.

(c) & (d): Development of high yielding varieties suited to different agro-ecological zones and tolerant to various biotic and abiotic stresses is the major mandate of crop based ICAR institutes. Every year several genotypes are tested across the country in different situations and locations. Based on three years performance, better genotypes than the already released varieties are recommended for release for different situations. In paddy, so far about 870 high yielding varieties and 43 hybrids have been developed and released for cultivation in different ecological conditions. Varieties suited to specific situations have also been released. These high yielding varieties/ hybrids are being promoted through various crop development schemes.