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SUGARCANE PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of sugarcane is decreasing in the country;
- (b) if so, the quantity of sugarcane produced alongwith the area under cultivation during each of the last three years, State-wise;
- (c) the average production and per hectare yield in comparison to the world's average during the said period; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the area under cultivation and production of sugarcane in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) & (b): The estimated production of sugarcane in the country declined from 348.19 million tones during 2007-08 to 285.03 million tones during 2008-09. However, production of sugarcane marginally increased to 292.30 million tones during 2009-10. As per the 2nd advance estimates released on 09.02.2011, total production of sugarcane in the country during the current year i.e. 2010-11 is estimated to be still higher at 336.70 million tones. State-wise details of estimated production and area under cultivation of sugarcane during the last three years i.e. 2007-08 to 2009-10 are given in the Annexure.

(c): The details of production and per hectare yield of sugarcane in India vis-à-vis its production and per hectare yield in the world during 2007 to 2009 are given in the table below:

Year	World	India
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	Production Yield (Kg/ (Million Hectare) Tonnes)	Production Yield (Kg/ (Million Hectare) Tonnes)
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2007	1617.2	70675	348.2	68877
2008	1736.3	71577	285.0	64553
2009	1682.6	70912	292.3	70020

(d): To increase the area cultivation and production of sugarcane in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System Area (SUBACS) under the Macro Management Mode of Agriculture is being implemented in various sugarcane growing States. The SUBACS aims to transfer improved production technology to the farmers through field demonstrations, training of farmers, supply of farm implements, enhancing production of planting materials, efficient use of water, treatment of planting materials etc. Loans are also provided to sugar factories at concessional rates for rearing of seed nurseries, incentive to cultivators to switch over to improved varieties of sugarcane, integrated pests and diseases management, irrigation schemes, ratoon management, etc.