

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF CEREALS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a drastic decline in the production of cereals including Jowar in the country particularly in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details of production of cereals during last two years, crop-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the reasons for the decrease in the production of these cereals;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to increase the production of these crops particularly, in Gujarat; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): The estimated production of cereals in the country during 2009-10 was lower at 203.45 million tones as compared to 219.90 million tones during the previous year i.e 2008-09. During 2009-10, the production of cereals in the country as well as in the State of Gujarat suffered mainly due to drought/drought-like situation in various parts of the country. However, during 2010-11, production of cereals in the country as well as in the State of Gujarat has been higher at 215.56 million tones and 5.81 million tones respectively as compared to their corresponding production of 203.45 million tones and 5.24 million tones during 2009-10. State-wise and crop-wise details of production of cereals during the last two years i.e 2008-09 and 2009-10 are given in the Annexure.

(d) & (e): In order to increase the production and productivity of cereals in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes, namely; National Food Security Mission (NFSM-Rice/Wheat), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals), subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture.