

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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FOOD REQUIREMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has prepared any estimates regarding the requirement of foodgrains including rice by 2020 to meet food security in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to meet the said requirement?

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): As per the Food Security and Nutrition: Vision 2020 document of Planning Commission, the house hold foodgrain demand is projected to be 240.64 million tons including 118.93 million tons of rice by 2020.

For increasing productivity and production of foodgrain crops in the country, various Crop Development schemes and Programmes like National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals under Macro Management of Agriculture and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through State Governments.

In 2010-11, in addition to above mentioned schemes, two new programmes relating to bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and integrated development of 60000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas have been initiated under RKVY. National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM and inclusion of two new potential States of Assam and Jharkhand for Pulses production. A new programme Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) in the form of block demonstrations has been started to cover 1000 unit of 1000 hectare each of five pulses crops in 16 pulses growing States of the country.