

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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IMPACT OF MGNREGS ON AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a decline in agriculture production has been registered with the shift of workers from the agriculture field towards the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has conducted any study to assess the situation;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the suitable measures proposed to be 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 FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI ARUN YADAV)

(a) to (e): The production of foodgrains is likely to be 232.07 million tonnes as per second advance estimates for 2010-11, compared to 217.28 million tonnes in 2006-07. No study has been conducted by Government to assess the impact of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme on agriculture production. Government is promoting farm mechanization through various ongoing schemes/programmes for improving efficiency of farm operations.