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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in agricultural production in the country;

(b) if so, the details of area under cultivation and production of foodgrains, cereal crops and oilseeds during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise, crop-wise and season-wise;

(c) whether the production and productivity of crops is lagging behind in comparison to the developed countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and productivity of crops in the country?

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) & (b): No, Madam. As per 2nd Advance Estimates released on 9th February, 2011, the estimated production of major crops in the country during the current year i.e. 2010-11 is higher than their production during 2009-10. The State-wise, crop-wise and season-wise details of area coverage and production of foodgrains, cereal crops and oilseeds during each of the last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): As per latest available reports of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) for 2009, the comparative position of productivity of important crops in India vis-a-vis other major developed/developing countries of the world is given in the table below:-

Country Productivity (Kg/hectare)

	Coarse			
	Rice	Wheat	Cereals	Pulses
India	2977	2841	1272	673
USA	7941	2989	9559	1990
Australia	9000	1603	2076	1246
Canada	-	2780	4234	1992
Russia	5143	2318	2176	1651
China	6590	4748	4977	1471
Brazil	4365	2040	3605	846
UK	-	7927	5782	3188
France	5707	7447	7487	4215

In order to enhance agricultural growth in the country, various Crop Development Schemes and Programmes, namely; National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize

(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 Ministry of Agriculture through State Governments. In addition to above schemes, during the current year, i.e., 2010-11, two new programmes for 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 namely; Assam and Jharkhand for pulses production. A new programme 'Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P)' in the form of block demonstrations has also been started to cover 1000 units of 1000 hectares each of five pulses crops in 16 pulse growing States of the country. Further, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Horticulture Mission' is also being implemented to enhance production and productivity, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management and marketing of horticultural crops in the country.