

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:451
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TARGET FOR FOOD PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set for the foodgrain production in the country for the current Five Year Plan, crop-wise, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) the achievements made so far, cropwise, year-wise and State-wise;
- (c) the details of production losses of various crops during each of the last three years including Andhra Pradesh, crop-wise and State-wise; and
- (d) the reasons therefor, crop-wise and State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 451 DUE FOR REPLY ON 04-08-2009.

(a): On the recommendation of National Development Council, National Food Security Mission is launched since October, 2007 in order to meet the projected demand of 235 million tonnes of food grains by the end of 11th Plan i.e. 2011-12. The mission envisages increase in production of food grains of 20 million tonnes including 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by end of 11th Five Year Plan. The Crop wise and state wise targets are fixed every year in consultation with the states during National Kharif/Rabi Conference as per the performance profile of the states.

(b): The Statement indicating crop-wise, state-wise targets vis-à-vis achievement for the year 2007-08 & 2008-09 is attached as Annexure-I & II. The production targets for 2009-10 are placed at Annexure-III.

(c) & (d): In the first 2 years of 11th Five Year Plan (2007-08 and 2008-09), there has been a record production of food grains in the country, exceeding the targets set for the years. The production of food grains during 2007-08 was 230.78 million tonnes against the target of 221.50 million tonnes and during 2008-09, 233.88 million tonnes of food grains were produced (as per the fourth estimate) against the target of 233.00 million tonnes. This consistent performance has been achieved due to the enthusiastic response of the farmers to the initiatives taken by the government and overall favourable climatic conditions. Specific schemes on increasing the production of foodgrains such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Cereal Development Programme (ICDP) under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture and Integrated scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses and Maize (ISOPOM) and higher minimum support price for the food grains have significantly contributed to the record production. However, in the case of Pulses and Coarse Cereal there is less achievement (14.66 & 39.45 million tonnes) due to biotic and abiotic factors and area shift from these crops to relatively more remunerative crops.