

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of increase in wheat consumption and production during each of the last three years;
- (b) the irrigated areas available for wheat production in different States during each of the last three years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the Government proposes to provide high yielding seeds, better fertilisers with high content of micronutrients and formulate a comprehensive policy to revitalise wheat production in the Northern States; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a): The details of increase in the annual estimated consumption of wheat based upon the Consumer Expenditure Surveys of National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) along with increase in the estimated production of wheat during the last three years is as under: (Million Tonnes)

Year	Increase in Consumption	Increase in Production
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2005-06	1.13	0.71
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2006-07 (-)	3.63	6.46
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2007-08	0.94	2.76
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(b): The latest available State-wise details of irrigated areas under wheat during the years 2004-05 to 2006-07 are given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): The requirement and availability of certified/quality seeds of wheat along with other inputs like fertilizers, machinery, pesticides etc. are assessed in the Zonal Input Conferences normally organized in the month of August/September every year. However, it is the endeavour of Ministry of Agriculture to provide required quantity of high yielding varieties of seeds, better fertilizers with specified micronutrients and proper policy initiatives to encourage wheat production in various States, including Northern States, which are contributing significantly in the production of wheat in the country.