

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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RISE IN CROP PRICES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that there has been rise in price of various crops consequent upon fall in their production;
- (b) if so, the details of such crops;
- (c) whether any assessment of the fall in production in percentage term has been made;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) the corrective steps taken by the Government to control price rise of crops;
- (f) whether the Government proposes to announce a special incentive package to encourage farmers to grow those crops; and
- (g) 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) to (d): As per Fourth Advance Estimates released recently, production of coarse cereals, pulses and oilseeds in 2008-09 was less than that in 2007-08. The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) with base 1993-94=100 for June 2008 and June 2009 as well as production for such crops (except oilseeds) in 2007-08 and 2008-09 are given below. The percentage of fall in production in such crops is also given:

(Production in million tonnes)

Crops	WPI in June 2008	WPI in June 2009	WPI in 2007-08	Production in 2007-08	4th Advance Estimates production	Percentage fall in production
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Jowar	326.3	374.8	7.93	7.31	7.81	
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Bajra	236.7	305.6	9.97	8.83	1.14	
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Ragi	234.8	324.2	2.15	2.06	4.18	
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Tur/Arhar	216.1	287.7	3.08	2.31	25.00	
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Urad	308.6	380.4	1.12	0.83	25.89	
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Moong	253.3	329.8	1.52	1.01	33.55	
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The prices of edible oils did not increase between June 2008 and June 2009.

(e) to (g): In order to check the rising prices, Government has reduced the import duty to 0% on all crude edible oils (except crude soyabean oil), cotton, pulses, wheat and wheat flour, semi-milled or wholly milled rice and 7.5% on all refined edible oils. Government has also prohibited the export of all edible oils, pulses (except kabuli chana), wheat and non-basmati rice, with certain exception. Export of basmati rice is permitted with minimum export price of US \$ 1100 per tonne.

A Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM) is being implemented in 14 major Oilseeds and pulses and 15 maize growing States to increase the production and productivity of these crops in the country. National Food Security Mission (NFSM) has been launched from 2007-08 in 312 identified districts of 17 important rice, wheat and pulses growing States to increase the production of rice by 10 million tonnes, wheat by 8 million tones and pulses by 2 million tones by the end of Eleventh Plan.