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

- (a) whether the Government has assessed the domestic production and consumption of rice in the country during 2009-10;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the efforts being taken to increase the productivity and acreage under rice cultivation?

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) & (b): Based upon the behaviouristic approach, the production of rice during 2009-10 is projected at 98.30 million tonnes against project demand of 94.83 million tonnes.

(c): In order to increase the production of rice in the country, the National Food Security Mission (NFSM) is being implemented since 2007-08. The NFSM-Rice is being implemented in 136 districts of 14 States with an objective to increase the production of rice by 10 million tonnes by the terminal year of the 11th Plan, i.e., by 2011-12. Besides NFSM, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice), subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture is also being implemented in the non-NFSM rice districts in the country to provide more flexibility to State based on local needs. Further, the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with an objective to incentivise the States to increase investment in agriculture and allied sector is also under implementation.