

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has fixed any target for production of foodgrains and fruits in the country including in the backward and rural areas during the current five year plan;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the amount proposed to be invested by the Government including in the backward and rural areas, State-wise; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Government to achieve these targets?

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): On the recommendation of National Development Council, Centrally Sponsored Scheme a "National Food Security Mission"(NFSM) is in operation from October 2007 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 by 20 million tonnes including 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by end of 11th Plan.

In order to increase fruits production in the country during current five year plan, a target to cover an area of 15.97 lakh hectares under various horticulture crops including fruits has been fixed.

(c): The statement indicating State-wise allocation and release of various Crops Development Schemes is given at Annexure I to IV.

(d): Government of India is implementing various crops development schemes to enhance the production of food grains and fruits such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme (ICDP) under Macro-Management Mode of Agriculture, Integrated scheme for Oilseed, Pulses, Oilpalm and Maize (ISOPOM) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM) to achieve the target foodgrains & fruits by the end of 11th Five Year Plan.