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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a decline in agricultural production in the country;

(b) if so, the details of area under cultivation and production of foodgrains, cereal crops and oilseeds during each of the last three years and the current year, Statewise, crop-wise and season-wise;

(c) whether the production and productivity of crops is lagging behind in comparison to the developed and Asian countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government to increase the production and productivity of crops in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI HARISH RAWAT)

(a) & (b): No, Madam. As per 4th Advance Estimates released on 19th July, 2011, the estimated production of major crops in the country during the year 2010-11 is higher than their production during 2009-10. The State-wise, crop-wise and season-wise details of area coverage and production of foodgrains, cereal crops and oilseeds during each of the last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure-I.

(c) & (d): As per latest available reports of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) for 2009, the comparative position of production and productivity of important crops in India vis-a-vis other major developed and Asian countries of the World is given in Annexure-II.

In order to increase production and productivity of crops in the country, a number of Crop Development Schemes and Programmes, namely: National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals under Macro Management of Agriculture and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented by the Ministry of Agriculture through State Governments. In addition to above schemes, during 2010-11, two new programmes viz. Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and Integrated Development of 60000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in Rainfed Areas have been initiated under RKVY. National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM and inclusion of two new potential States namely; Assam and Jharkhand for pulses production. A new programme 'Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P)' in the form of block demonstrations has also been started to cover 1000 units of 1000 hectares each of five pulses crops in 16 pulse growing States of the country. Further, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme 'National Horticulture Mission' is also being implemented to enhance production and productivity, technology promotion, extension, post harvest management and marketing of horticultural crops in the country.