

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF BASMATI RICE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether global warming is likely to diminish the aroma and production of basmati rice grown in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the quantity of basmati rice produced in the country during the last three years; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government to increase the production of basmati rice?

**Answer**

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

(a)& (b):The data of quality traits of basmati varieties grown during the last four years in basmati growing areas has shown no adverse effect of climate on aroma, so far. Further, during the last three years the trend in area and production of basmati rice has, in fact, increased in the basmati growing states.

(c) The details of basmati area & paddy produced during the last three years is given below:

Year	Area (million ha)	Basmati Production (million tons)
	Paddy	
2008-09	1.64	6.23
2009-10	1.71	6.72
2010-11	1.99	7.22

- (d)
- (i) Development of high yielding export quality basmati rice using conventional and molecular methods.
  - (ii) Production of quality seeds and ensuring its availability to farmers.
  - (iii) Maintaining quality standards that match those of international market.