

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:7
ANSWERED ON:22.11.2011
PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS AND OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the production of foodgrains and oilseeds in the country is reported to be lower than the target fixed for the current year;
- (b) if so, the details of production and productivity of the said crops during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and crop-wise;
- (c) the value and quantum of the said items exported during the above period:
- (d) the measures taken to stabilise the prices of foodgrains and oil seeds in the country; and
- (e) the steps taken to achieve the targeted/higher production of the said crops in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 7 DUE FOR REPLY ON 22ND NOVEMBER, 2011.

(a): As per the 1st Advance Estimates for 2011-12 (Kharif only), the estimated production of foodgrains and oilseeds in the country against the targets fixed for them for the current year is given below:

Item	Production	Target	Estimates	Production
	2011-12 (Kharif)	2011-12 (Kharif)	2011-12 (Kharif)	2011-12 (Kharif)
	Million tonnes	Million tonnes	Million tonnes	Million tonnes

Foodgrains	126.24	123.95		
Oilseeds	22.10	20.88		

(b): State wise and crop wise details of production and productivity of major crops during the last three years and the current year i.e. 2011-12 (Kharif) are given in the Annexure.

(c): Details of export of foodgrains and oilseeds for the last three years are given as under:

Item	2008-09		2009-10		2010-11		
	Description	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	(Tonnes)	(Rs. Crores)	(Tonnes)	(Rs. Crores)	(Tonnes)	(Rs. Crores)	(Rs. Crores)

Pulses	136275	540.22	99915	407.35	204848	848.86	
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Rice-Basmati	1556409	9477.03	2016869	10889.60	2183507	10578.68	
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Rice (Other than basmati)	931885	1687.37	139544	365.30	99286	222.21	
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Wheat	1119	1.46	30	0.05	349	0.60	
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Other Cereals 3999650 3920.58 2892415 2973.19 3189811 3604.44

Oilseeds 608274 3029.00 611764 3083.62 811861 4433.49

(d): The Government has taken a number of fiscal and administrative measures to stabilize prices of essential commodities in the country such as reduction in import duties of various commodities, allowing duty free imports & removal of levy obligations of raw/refined sugar, ban on export of edible oils (except coconut oil and forest based oil) and pulses (except kabuli channa and organic pulses upto a maximum of 10,000 tonnes per annum) and extending stock limit orders in case of pulses, oilseeds upto 30th September 2012 and sugar upto 30th November 2011, allocation of additional foodgrains for BPL families etc. from time to time.

(e): In order to increase the production of foodgrains and oilseeds in the country, various 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 for bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and Integrated Development of 60000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas were 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.