

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether agricultural production has increased by just 16% since 2003 whereas consumption of fertilizers increased by 46%; and  
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) & (b): Details of percentage increase in the production of major agricultural crops and the consumption of fertilizers in 2010-11 as compared to 2003-04 are as under:

Agricultural Production	Percentage (%) increase in 2010-11 as compared to 2003-04
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Foodgrains	14.82
Oilseeds	28.96
Cotton	140.37
Sugarcane	46.40
Fertilizers Consumption	62.45

Besides application of micronutrients/fertilizers, production and productivity of crops is also influenced by other factors such as quantity and distribution of rainfall, quality of seeds, weather/climate situation, pest management etc. As such, increase in production of crops is not directly proportional to increase in consumption of fertilizers.