

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the production of paddy in the country including Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the increase/decrease in the production of paddy during the said period;
- (c) whether the Government has formulated any scheme to enhance the production of paddy; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. CHARAN DAS MAHANT)

- (a): State-wise details of production of paddy (in terms of rice) in the country including Chhattisgarh during each of the last three years and the current year ie. 2008-09 to 2011-12 are given in the Annexure.
- (b): The overall production of rice in the country has been consistently increasing since 2008-09 except in 2009-10, a drought year which adversely affected major rice producing States in the country.
- (c) & (d): To increase the production of rice in the country, the Government of India is implementing various Crop Development Schemes namely; National Food Security Mission - Rice (NFSM-Rice) and Integrated Cereals Development Programme - Rice (ICDP - Rice) under Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA). Further, to increase production and productivity of rice on sustainable basis, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has also undertaken a number of Research Programmes for development of high yielding, pest resistant and eco-friendly varieties etc.