

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FAO REPORT ON CROPS PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has revealed in its report that India is lagging behind badly in the world average yield of rice, cotton, pulses etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and
- (c) the comparative details of the average yield of the said crops, country-wise?

Answer

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

(a): As per FAO Statistical Year Book, 2012 (FAOSTAT), yield levels of rice and pulses for India are lower than the world average. FAOSTAT does not report on yield levels of Cotton.

(b) & (c): The relevant information / details is at Annexure. The Government launched National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in 2007-08 to bridge the yield gaps of food crops and to increase the production of rice, wheat and pulses by 10, 8 & 2 million tons respectively by the end of the Eleventh Plan (2011-12). Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) was also launched in 2007-08 to incentivize the states for increasing public investments in agriculture for achieving desired agricultural growth.