

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA**

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OPIUM PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) the State-wise production capacity of opium;
- (b) whether the Union Government has plans to enhance/ reduce the production of opium in the country;and
- (c) if so, the details of arrangement made/ proposed to be made in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) The production capacity of opium in a State depends on the number of cultivators licenced, the number of cultivators who actually cultivate and harvest, the extent of area licenced, the extent of area harvested and the average yield per hectare. The quantity of opium produced in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, during the last three crop years is as under:

S.No, Name of State Quantity of Opium Produced at 70 Consistency
during the crop year (in MT)

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	(Provisional)	(Provisional)	

1 Madhya Pradesh	207.00	103.000	298.000
2 Rajasthan	150.000	73.000	211.000
3 Uttar Pradesh	0.046	0.199	0.078
Total	357.046	176.199	509.078

(b) & (c) Decisions regarding increasing/ reducing production of opium in the country will be taken at the time of notifying the General Licencing Conditions which are likely to be finalized by the end of September 2009.