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

- (a) whether India is a major producer of several varieties of coarse grains;
- (b) if so, the details of the coarse grains produced in the country during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the steps taken to increase the production of coarse grains in the country?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Madam. A number of coarse grains are produced in India. The coarse grains is a group of crops comprising of millets covering sorghum, pearl millet, finger millet, small millets (Kodo, Kutki, Sanwa, Cheena and Kangni), maize and barley.

(b): Crop-wise production of coarse grains during last three years is given below:-

Crop Production in Lakh tonnes

2009-10 2010-11 2011-12

Sorghum 66.98 70.03 60.30

Pearl millet 65.06 103.70 100.50

Finger millet 18.88 21.93 20.10

Small millets 3.82 7.30 7.40

Maize 167.20 217.26 215.70

Barley 13.55 16.63 16.10

TOTAL 335.49 436.85 420.1

(c): Government has taken several steps for increasing the production of coarse grains as under:-

Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals based Cropping System Areas is being supported through Macro Management Mode in Agriculture (MMA).

MMA also provide support to crop specialized Institutions of ICAR for organizing front line demonstrations on crop production technologies on farmer fields.

Integrated Scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil palm and Maize (ISOPOM) provides support for increasing the production and productivity of maize.

The States can also support crop development activities under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with the approval of State Level Sanctioning Committee (SLSC).

Initiatives for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millets Promotion – a sub-scheme of RKVY has been launched from 2011-12 with aims to demonstrate the improved production and post-harvest technologies in an integrated manner.

The above mentioned programmes provide support for organizing demonstrations of improved package of practices, supply of certified seeds, seed minikits and supply of micro nutrients, gypsum and farmers training for production and productivity improvement of coarse cereals.