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FOODGRAIN PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has launched any programme to increase the production of foodgrains to feed the increasing population of the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has also urged the States to shift its focus on production of foodgrains from cash crops;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the success achieved in increasing the production of foodgrains in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): In order to enhance the foodgrains production to meet the increasing demand of growing population, Government of India has been implementing various crop development programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and Integrated Scheme for Oilseeds, Pulses, Oilpalm & Maize (ISOPOM). Besides, strategic area and crop development programmes i.e. Bringing Green revolution in Eastern India (BGREI) and Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Milletes Promotion (INSIMP) are also being implemented as sub- schemes of RKVY.

(c) & (d): No, Madam.

(e): Due to implementation of the various crop development programmes, as referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) above, the foodgrains production has increased from 217.28 million tones at beginning of 11th Five Year plan in 2006-07 to ever highest record production of 257.44 million tonnes in 2011-12 (Fourth Advance Estimates).