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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is self-sufficient in the production of coarse cereals, foodgrains, oilseeds, paddy, pulses, rice, sugarcane and wheat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the likely production of these commodities in the year 2012-13, crop and State-wise;
- (c) the details of the strategy adopted and the schemes formulated by the Government to increase production of these crops to ensure food security for the growing population in the country; and
- (d) the success achieved so far, in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES

(SHRI TARIQ ANWAR)

(a) & (b): The estimated production vis-à-vis the demand for 2012-13 projected by Working Group of Planning Commission for the XIIth Five Year Plan in respect of rice, wheat, coarse cereals, pulses and foodgrains is given in the table below:-

(Million tonnes)

Crops	2012-13	Projected Demand	Estimated Production#
Rice	105	101.80	
Wheat	82	92.30	
Coarse Cereals	36	38.47	
Pulses	19	17.58	
Foodgrains	242	250.14	

2nd Advance Estimates.

Year-wise demand for oilseeds and pulses has not been projected by the Working Group of Planning Commission. State-wise projection of demand of agricultural commodities has also not been done by the Working Group. However, State-wise details of production of above crops for 2012-13 is given in the Annexure.

(c) & (d): To increase the production of agricultural crops and ensure food security for the growing population in the country, Government of India is implementing various crops development Schemes/ Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

(RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize (ISOPOM), etc. In addition, a new programme "Accelerated Pulses Production Programme

(A3P)" has been started under NFSM since 2010-11 to take up active propagation of key technologies in the form of block demonstrations for improving productivity of pulses. Further, a Special Plan to achieve more than 19 million tonnes of pulse production during 2012-13 has also been initiated.

As a result of various steps taken by the Government, production of rice, wheat, pulses and sugarcane has increased significantly during the 11th Plan period.