

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:304

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PRODUCTION OF WHEAT AND RICE

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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the production of wheat and rice in the country during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;
- (b) whether the production of rice has declined in some leading rice producing States during the above period;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government has provided/proposes to provide incentives to the farmers to increase the production of wheat and rice; and
- (e) If so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 304 DUE FOR REPLY ON 19TH MARCH, 2013.

(a) to (c): State-wise details of production of wheat and rice in the country during the last three years and the current year, i.e. 2009-10 to 2012-13 (2nd Advance Estimates) are given in the Annexure. It may be observed that in most of the leading rice producing States, the estimated production of rice during 2012-13 has been higher as compared to 2009-10. However, the production of rice is estimated to decline in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal due to shortfall in area coverage on account of delayed/deficient rainfall.

(d) & (e): In order to increase production of rice and wheat in the country, Government has been implementing several Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Macro Management of Agriculture (MMA), Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) under RKVY etc. Under these schemes, funds are provided to States for implementation of State specific agricultural strategies including incentives to farmers for production/use of quality seeds, Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), Integrated Pest Management (IPM), farm mechanization etc. Besides, Frontline Demonstrations are also organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)/State Agriculture Universities on the farmers' fields to popularize frontier technologies among farmers. Further, to ensure remunerative price to farmers, the Minimum Support Prices (MSPs) of paddy and wheat have also been increased from Rs. 1000 (including additional incentive bonus of Rs. 50/-) and Rs. 1100 per quintal respectively in 2009-10 to Rs. 1250 and Rs. 1350 per quintal respectively in 2012-13.