

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had set any target to increase the production of foodgrains, paddy, pulses, jowar, millet and other crops including cotton in the country during each of the last three years and the current year;
- (b) if so, the details and the achievements made in this regard during the above period, State-wise;
- (c) whether agricultural production in the country is lagging behind the target;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the corrective measures taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to increase agricultural production in the country?

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. 417 DUE FOR REPLY ON 23RD APRIL, 2013.

(a) & (b): The State-wise details of targets and production of foodgrains and other crops for the last three years and 2012-13 are given in Annexure – I (A to F).

(c) & (d): In 2009-10, the target for foodgrain production could not be achieved due to severe drought in many States. However, production targets have been achieved since 2010-11. Despite drought in some parts of the country in 2012-13, foodgrain production is on course to realise target of 254.23 million tonnes.

(e): Government of India implements various crop development programmes such as, National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), Bring Green Revolution to Eastern India, Initiative for Nutritional Security through Intensive Millet Production – a sub scheme of RKVY, Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm & Maize, Integrated Cereal Development Programme (ICDP), Technology Mission on Cotton, Technology Mission on Jute and Sustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping System to increase agricultural production.

Moreover, to ensure remunerative price to farmers, Government of India announces Minimum Support Price for various crops before start of sowing season.