

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3101
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IMPROVED VARIETIES OF PADDY
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether several improved varieties of paddy have been developed in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and
- (c) the details of the production of various varieties of paddy during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (PROF. K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. More than 80 improved varieties and hybrids of paddy have been released for commercial cultivation in different ecosystems during the last three years. Details of these are given in Annexure-I

(c) The improved high yielding varieties/hybrids have played significant role in enhancing production and productivity of rice. The production of rice during last three years is as under:

Year	Production (Million Tones)
2006-07	93.35
2007-08	96.69
2008-09 (4th advance estimate)	99.15