

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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RICE PRODUCTION

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

(a) the rank India holds in the production of rice in the world; and

(b) the steps taken to increase the production of rice?

**Answer**

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

(a): As per the reports of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) for 2007, India holds the Second rank in the production of rice in the world.

(b): In order to increase the production of rice in the country, the Government is implementing following schemes/programmes:

# The Government has introduced National Food Security Mission from Rabi 2007-08. It, inter alia, aims to increase the production of rice by 10 million tonnes by the end of the Eleventh Plan i.e. by 2011-12 through area increase and productivity enhancement in targeted districts in the country.

# The Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) with an objective to incentivise the States to increase investment in agriculture and allied sector has also been launched during 2007-08. Under RKVY, the States have been provided flexibility and autonomy in the process of selection, planning, approval and execution of schemes to meet appropriate local choices.

# A Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice)," subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture is being implemented to provide more flexibility to States based on local needs.