

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SELF SUFFICIENCY IN FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the country has achieved self-sufficiency in foodgrains like wheat, rice and pulses, etc.;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, item-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to achieve self- sufficiency in other foodgrains items?

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) & (b): As per the projections made by the Working Group of Planning Commission for the 11th Five Year Plan and taking into account the initiatives taken by the Ministry of Agriculture, the projected demand and projected/estimated production of rice, wheat, pulses and foodgrains in the country during 2007-08 to 2011-12 is given in the Annexure. During the last two years i.e. 2007-08 and 2008-09, the production of foodgrains except pulses has been in excess of the projected demand.

(c): In order to increase production of coarse cereals i.e. the foodgrains other than wheat, rice and pulses, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Coarse Cereals Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Coarse Cereals)` subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture is being implemented. The scheme provides more flexibility to States based on local needs. In addition, the Centrally Sponsored Scheme `Integrated Scheme of Oilseeds, Pulses, Oil Palm and Maize` (ISOPOM) being implemented, inter-alia, aims to increase production and productivity of maize in the country. Further, the Rashtriya krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) is being implemented with the objective to incentivise the States to increase investment in agriculture for raising productivity and production in agriculture.