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PRODUCTION OF RICE AND WHEAT
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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;
- (b) the details of the top ten rice producing countries in the world and India's position therein;
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to further improve the production of rice in the country; and
- (d) the details of incentives provided by the Government to the farmers to increase production of wheat and rice?

Answer

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(a): The details of estimated production of wheat and rice in the country during the years 2006-07 to 2009-10 is given in the table below:

Crop Estimated Production (Million Tonnes)

	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10\$
Rice	93.36	96.69	99.15	69.45
Wheat	75.81	78.57	80.58	Rabi Crop

4th advance estimates released on 21-07-2009 \$1st advance estimates released on 03-11-2009 (Kharif only)

(b): As per the reports of Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) for 2007, the top ten rice producing countries in the world are China, India, Indonesia, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, Philippines, Brazil and Japan. India is placed at 2nd position among the rice producing countries in the world.

(c): In order to further increase the production of rice in the country, the Government is implementing a number of schemes/programmes through State Governments. Major schemes/programmes are National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and the Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping Systems Areas (ICDP-Rice) subsumed under Macro Management Mode of Agriculture.

(d): To incentivise farmers to increase production of wheat and rice, quality seeds are being promoted through incentives in the form of subsidies to the extent of Rs.500/- per quintal. Farm machinery is being promoted by incentivising quick adoption of zero till seed machines, rotovators and package of conoweeders & other implements with subsidies at the rate of Rs.15000/-, Rs.30000/- and Rs.3000/- respectively. Extension services are being given to farmers by organizing field demonstrations at the cost of Rs.2000/- per wheat demonstration & Rs.2500/ to Rs.3000/- per rice demonstration. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and Integrated Nutrient Management (INM) services are also being promoted through subsidies. The Minimum Support Price (MSP) for Kharif Marketing Season (KMS) 2009-10 has been increased to Rs.950/- and Rs.980/- per quintal for Common and Grade 'A' varieties of paddy. With a view to ensure remunerative price to agricultural produce and for encouraging higher investment and production, over and above the MSP, an incentive bonus of Rs.50/- per quintal on procurement of paddy is also being given during KMS 2009-10. The Minimum Support Price for wheat for the Rabi Marketing Season (R MS) 2009-10 has been increased to Rs.1080/- per quintal.