

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA**

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TARGETS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has set any targets for enhancing agricultural production for foodgrains like wheat, paddy, jowar, bajra, ragi, pulses and other crops like cotton and sugarcane;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the targets set for the said purpose during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise and item-wise;
- (c) the details of the steps taken to realise the above production targets and the achievement made during the said period, State-wise;
- (d) whether any slippages in achieving the above targets and decline in agricultural productivity including shrinking of cultivable area of such crops have been observed during the said period; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and the remedial measures being taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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. 69 DUE FOR REPLY ON 24TH NOVEMBER, 2009.

(a): For enhancing Agricultural Production for food grains, targets for crops like Paddy, Wheat, Jowar, Bajra, Ragi, Pulses and other crops like cotton and sugarcane are fixed every year. Strategies for achieving these targets are finalized after discussions with the States before each Crop season in National Conferences for Kharif and Rabi Campaign.

(b): The statement indicating crop-wise, state-wise targets viz –a-viz achievement for the year 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is attached as Annexure I to III. For the Year 2009-10 targets were fixed as per Annexure IV. It is too early to compute achievement for the year.

(c): For increasing the production and productivity of the Crops, various crops development programs are being implemented through the State Governments viz Macro Management mode of Agriculture, Integrated scheme on Oilseeds, Pulses, Maize and Oil palm (ISOPOM), National Food Security Mission (NFSM), Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) and National Horticulture Mission (NHM). Minimum Support Price was increased for the food crops to give better income returns to the farmers.

(d) & (e): Overall targets fixed for the production of food grains during the year 2007-08 and 2008-09 were achieved in full in the first two years of Eleven Plan period. The production of food grain crops during the year 2007-08 was 230.78 million tonnes against the target of 221.50 million tonnes and during 2008-09, 233.88 million tonnes of food grains were produced (as per the fourth estimate) against the target of 230.00 million tonnes. There was relatively less achievements due to biotic and abiotic factors in case of pulses and coarse cereals, which are essentially rainfed crops.

Intensive promotion of foodgrain crops including pulses has been taken up in mission mode implementation under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) with a target of producing additional 10 million tonnes of rice, 8 million tonnes of wheat and 2 million tonnes of pulses by 2011-12.