

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTION OF MAIZE  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of the production of the maize in the country including Karnataka during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;
- (b) whether maize production has come down in recent years;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps being taken to encourage farmers to grow more maize?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MOHANBHAI KUNDARIA)

(a) to (c): State-wise details of production of Maize in the country including Karnataka during the last three years i.e. 2011-12 to 2013-14 are given in the Annexure. The production of maize in the country has increased from 21.76 million tonnes in 2011-12 to 24.26 million tonnes in 2013-14. In Karnataka also, the production of Maize has been increasing except in 2012-13 when the quantity/distribution of rainfall in the State was inadequate.

(d): In order to increase production of coarse cereals including Maize in the country, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, National Food Security Mission (NFSM)-Coarse Cereals is being implemented from 2014-15 in 264 districts of 28 States. The Scheme is focused on organization of cluster demonstrations on improved package of technologies and distribution of quality seeds of new varieties. The assistance is provided @ Rs.5000/- per hectare for demonstration of improved package of practices, Rs.1500/- per quintal for distribution of High Yielding Variety (HYV) seeds and Rs.5000/- per quintal for hybrid seeds.

The ICAR has also been constantly striving through National Agricultural Research System for developing high yielding, pest/disease resistant maize hybrids/varieties which are suitable for different agro-climatic conditions in the country.

In order to ensure remunerative price and encourage farmers to grow more Maize, Government of India has also increased its Minimum Support Price (MSP) from Rs.980/- per quintal in 2011-12 to Rs.1310/- per quintal in 2013-14.