

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF RICE AND WHEAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current production of rice and wheat is sufficient to meet the growing demand in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of demand and consumption pattern of rice and wheat during each of the last three years and the current year, crop and State/UT-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken/incentive given to the farmers by the Government to increase the production of these staple crops to feed the growing population of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (DR. SANJEEV KUMAR BALYAN)

(a) & (b): As indicated in the table below, the production of rice and wheat in the country during 2011-12 to 2013-14 has been in excess of their demand projected by the Sub-Group of Planning Commission for 12th Five Year Plan:-

(Million Tonnes)
Year Projected Demand Estimated Production

	Rice	Wheat	Rice	Wheat
2011-12	98.79	77.36	105.30	94.88
2012-13	105.00	82.00	105.24	93.51
2013-14	106.00	84.00	106.29	95.85

Demand of rice and wheat as projected by Planning Commission's Sub-Group for 11th Five Year Plan.
Production as per 3rd Advance Estimates for 2013-14.

State wise demand of rice and wheat has not been worked out by Planning Commission. State-wise details of consumption of rice and wheat during 2011-12 to 2013-14, based on their per capita consumption as per Consumer Expenditure Survey of National Sample Survey Office (NSSO) are given in the Annexure. Production estimates of rice and wheat for 2014-15 have not been prepared so far.

(c): To increase the production of rice and wheat in the country, Government of India has been implementing Crop Development Schemes/Programmes such as National Food Security Mission, Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India (BGREI) as a Sub-scheme of RKVY.

Further, to increase productivity of crops, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is conducting research programmes on basic and strategic research related to different aspects of crop improvement, crop production and crop protection in different crops at ICAR's commodity based research institutes.