

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
AGRICULTURE  
LOK SABHA**

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PRODUCTIVITY OF FOODGRAIN  
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the productivity of foodgrains has declined during the last three years and current year in the country including Jharkhand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, States and crop-wise and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the measures taken by the Government to increase the productivity of foodgrains in the country including Jharkhand?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Depending upon the rainfall situation, adverse weather and temperature conditions, availability of water in reservoirs, irrigation facilities, use of quality inputs, the productivity of foodgrains in various States in the country including Jharkhand has been fluctuating. The State-wise and crop-wise details of productivity of foodgrains in the country during the last three years and the current year are given in the Annexure.

(c): In order to increase the productivity of various crops including foodgrains in the country including Jharkhand, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is having research and development programmes in rice, wheat, maize, millets, fodder crops, oilseeds, pulses, sugarcane, cotton, etc. These research programmes are undertaken by 26 commodity/theme based Research Institutions and 33 All India Coordinated Research Projects (AICRPs) & All India Network Projects (AINPs) to develop location-specific crop varieties and matching technologies as per the agro-ecological needs. The crop improvement programmes give emphasis on development of new crop varieties/hybrids with improved quality and tolerance/resistance to biotic and abiotic stresses.