

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA**  
**MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**  
**RAJYA SABHA**  
**QUESTION NO 04.12.2009**  
**ANSWERED ON**  
**DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF FOODGRAINS .**

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Will the Minister of COALCOALAGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

(a) whether kharif crops of rice, wheat and other foodgrains and pulses have dwindled considerably this year or is likely to fall short of estimates; and

(b) if so, to what extent and the actual estimated yields this year compared to that in the last two years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE  
MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION)

(SHRI K.V. THOMAS)

(a) & (b):The details of estimated production of rice, coarse cereals, pulses and foodgrains in the country during Kharif 2009-10 (1st advance estimates) alongwith the shortfall as compared to their estimated production during Kharif 2008-09 (4th advance estimates ) are given in the table below:

(Million tones)

Crop Estimated Production during Kharif 2009-10

Shortfall as compared to production during Kharif 2008-09

Rice 69.45 15.13

Bajra 5.83 3.01

Maize 12.61 1.29

Tur 2.47 0.16

Pulses 4.42 0.35

Foodgrains 96.63 21.07

Note: Wheat is a Rabi crop.

The details of estimated yield of major crops during Kharif season for the year  
2007-08

to 2009-10 are given in the table below:-

Crop Kharif Yield (kg/hectare)

2007-08 2008-09 2009-10

Rice 2095 2081 1970

Bajra 1042 1011 673

Maize 2122 2024 1835

Tur 826 678 707

Pulses 557 484 437

Foodgrains 1644 1648 1467

4th Advance Estimates

1st Advance Estimates