

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 12.11.2010
ANSWERED ON
HIGHER ACREAGE FOR BETTER PRODUCTION .

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether it is a fact that higher acreage results in better production of various food-items;
- (b) if so, the details thereof in the last five years and demand of various food items in each State including in Andhra Pradesh (A.P.); and
- (c) the action plan prepared in this regard for the current year to boost the production of each food-item?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (c) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 71 FOR 12/11/2010 REGARDING HIGHER ACREAGE FOR BETTER PRODUCTION.

(a) to (c): Increased area coverage and more importantly adoption of critical inputs such as seed, water, power, fertilizers, improved crop production/protection technologies along with support on marketing, minimum support price and credit significantly increased foodgrains production from 198.38 million tonnes in 2004-05 to 234.47 million tonnes in 2008-09. Production dropped to 218.20 million in 2009-10 due to severe drought condition that prevailed in the major parts of the country. The area and production of foodgrains during last five years is given below:

Year	Area (in million hectares)	Production (in million tonnes)
2005-06	121.60	208.60
2006-07	123.71	217.28
2007-08	124.07	230.78
2008-09	122.83	234.47
2009-10	121.37	218.20

As per 4th Advance Estimates, 2010 (Directorate of Economics & Statistics)

Demand of foodgrain in the country is computed on the basis of population growth, per capita income, changes in dietary preferences, occupational structures and growing urbanization. Based on these factors, the demand for foodgrains in the 11th Five year plan has been projected by Planning Commission as per details given under:

(In Million tonnes)

Year	Projected Demand of foodgrains
2007-08	214.02
2008-09	219.01
2009-10	224.04
2010-11	229.12
2011-12	234.26

Such demand forecasts are not available State wise as these are computed only at the national level. For increasing productivity and production of foodgrain crops in the country, various Crop Development schemes and Programmes like National Food Security Mission

(NFSM), Integrated Scheme of Oilseed, Pulses, Maize and Oilpalm (ISOPOM), Integrated Cereals Development Programme for Rice/Wheat/Coarse Cereals under Macro Management of Agriculture and Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY) are being implemented by the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation through State Government. In 2010-11, in addition to above mentioned schemes, two new programmes relating to bringing Green Revolution to Eastern India and integrated development of 60000 Pulses and Oilseeds Villages in rainfed areas have been initiated under RKVY. National Food Security Mission has been strengthened from 1.4.2010 with the merger of pulses component of ISOPOM and inclusion of two new potential States for Pulses production in Assam and Jharkhand. A new programme Accelerated Pulses Production Programme (A3P) in the form of block demonstrations has been started to cover 1000 unit of 1000 hectare each of five pulses crops in 16 pulses growing States of the country.