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PRODUCTION OF WHEAT AND RICE IN THE COUNTRY

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Will the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a reduction in wheat and rice production in recent years, if so, the details of the rice and wheat production in the last five years;
- (b) the steps taken by Government to deal with the price rise of foodgrains; and
- (c) the details of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) declared by Government on wheat and rice for the past five years, year-wise?

ANSWER

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a): The production of rice and wheat in the country is increasing over the years. However, during 2021-22 wherein the production of wheat which was estimated at 111.04 million tonnes in 2nd Advance Estimates has declined to 106.41 million tonnes in 3rd Advance Estimates due to heat wave during the month of March and April, 2022 etc. The estimated wheat production of 106.41 million tonnes during 2021-22 (3rd Advance Estimates) is higher than the last 5 years (2016-17 to 2020-21) Average production of 103.88 million tonnes. The details of production of rice and wheat during last five years i.e. 2017-18 to 2021-22 are given in the table below:

Year	Production (Million tonnes)	
	Rice	Wheat
2017-18	112.76	99.87
2018-19	116.48	103.60
2019-20	118.87	107.86
2020-21	124.37	109.59
2021-22 (as per 3 rd Advance estimates)	129.66	106.41

(b): The Government takes various measures from time to time to augment domestic availability and stabilize prices of essential food commodities including rice and wheat to make them accessible to all the consumers across India at affordable prices. These steps, *inter alia*, include releases from the buffer, advising States for effective action against hoarders and black marketers and also requisite changes in trade policy instruments like rationalization of import duty, changes in import quota, restrictions on exports of the commodity, etc.

Further, under the PM Garib Kalyan Ann Yojana (PM-GAAY), the Government is distributing additional free-of-cost foodgrains (Rice/Wheat) to about 80 crore National Security Act (NSA) beneficiaries at the scale of 5 kg. per person per month over and above the regular monthly NSA foodgrains.

(c): The details of the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of wheat and rice declared by Government during last five years year-wise are given as under:

Crops	Variety	Minimum Support Prices (Rs. per quintal)				
		2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Paddy	Common	1550	1750	1815	1868	1940
	Grade 'A'	1590	1770	1835	1888	1960
Wheat		1735	1840	1925	1975	2015
