

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 94
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28/07/2023

PROMOTION OF MILLETS

*94. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India is one of the top producers of millets in the world;
- (b) if so, the details of production of various types of millets in the country during the last three years and the current year, year-wise, State-wise and variety-wise;
- (c) in view of declaration of 2023 as International Year of Millets, whether Government has prepared any action plan to enhance production, productivity, consumption, export, strengthening value and supply chain, branding, etc.
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by Government to bring awareness about the importance and health benefits of millets?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF RAJYA SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 94 DUE FOR REPLY ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING “PROMOTION OF MILLETS ”.

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. India ranks first in area and production of millets (Shree Anna). The state and year wise production of jowar, bajra, ragi and small millets in the country during the year of 2019-20 to 2022-23 is given at **Annexure – I (a) to I (d)**.

(c) to (e) The Government of India is implementing a multi stakeholder approach towards celebration of International Year of Millets (IYM) - 2023. The action plan of IYM-2023 focuses on strategies to enhance production and productivity, consumption, export, strengthening value chain, branding, creating awareness for health benefits etc. To promote Shree Anna a year long action plan for monthly activity has been prepared by Central Ministries, State Governments and Indian Embassies.

In order to increase production and productivity of Shree Anna, the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (DA&FW) is implementing a Sub-Mission on Nutri-Cereals under National Food Security Mission (NFSM) in all districts of 28 States & 2 Union Territories viz. Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. Under NFSM–Nutri Cereals, the incentives are provided to the farmers, through the States/UTs, on crop production and protection technologies, cropping system based demonstrations, production & distribution of certified seeds of newly released varieties/hybrids, Integrated Nutrient and Pest Management techniques, improved farm implements/tools/resource conservation machineries, water saving devices, capacity building of farmers through trainings during cropping season, organizing events/workshops, distribution of seed minikits, publicity through print and electronic media etc. The interventions such as formation of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) for Shree Anna, setting up Centers of Excellence (CoE) and seed hubs for Shree Anna have also been supported under NFSM. In addition, states such as Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh have initiated Millet Missions in the States to promote Shree Anna. To make India a global hub for 'Shree Anna', the Indian Institute of Millets Research (IIMR), Hyderabad has been declared as the Centre of Excellence for sharing best practices, research and technologies at the national and international level.

Shree Anna are also included under the Poshan Abhiyan of the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Further, the Ministry of Food and Public Distribution has revised its guidelines to increase the procurement of Shree Anna under the Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS), Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) and Mid-Day Meal. The Ministry has also advised the State Governments and Union Territories to increase the procurement of Shree Anna. An Export Promotion Forum dedicated to promotion of Shree Anna in the international market has been set up to facilitate promotion, marketing and development of Shree Anna exports from India. Under the Eat

Right campaign, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) is creating awareness to promote the use of Shree Anna as part of a healthy and varied diet.

Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI) has implemented the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Food Processing Industry for Millet-based products (PLISMBP) during 2022-23 to 2026-27 with an outlay of Rs. 800 crores. The Pradhan Mantri Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Scheme, launched under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan is currently being implemented in 35 States and Union Territories (UTs). The Government is also popularizing Agri-Infrastructure Fund Scheme to invite farmers/FPOs/Entrepreneurs to avail the benefit of interest subvention on loans up to 2 crores for setting up primary processing units in Shree Anna. Government is also promoting Shree Anna based startups to increase the demand of Shree Anna.

As a part of promotional activities of IYM 2023, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers welfare is promoting Shree Anna during India's G20 presidency. Shree Anna are also showcased in various events such as International Trade Fair, Surajkund Mela etc. A key event organized towards International Year of Millets was the Global Millets (Shree Anna) Conference, held from 18th – 19th March 2023 at IARI Pusa campus, New Delhi which was inaugurated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. In continuation to the efforts towards mainstreaming Shree Anna, a 'Millets Experience Centre (MEC)' has been opened at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi with an aim to raise awareness on Shree Anna and encourage its adoption among general public. In order to encourage consumption of Shree Anna among government employees, all Government offices have been advised to include Shree Anna snacks in departmental trainings/meetings and Shree Anna based food items in departmental canteens. DA&FW has also installed vending machines for Shree Anna products through National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) to various Ministries/Departments. Shree Anna and its products have been identified as One District One Product (ODOP) in 19 districts of 10 States.

Annexure-I (a)**State wise production of Jowar during the year 2019-20 to 2022-23****(000 tonnes)**

State/ UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
Andhra Pradesh	389.11	411.39	259.61	208.31
Bihar	0.67	1.31	1.54	0.98
Chhattisgarh	4.07	2.73	0.91	0.94
Gujarat	67.16	57.43	57.55	42.69
Haryana	15.79	16.42	12.33	14.12
Jharkhand	1.35	1.23	1.28	15.52
Karnataka	986.98	903.53	731.48	859.23
Kerala	0.24	0.20	0.28	0.00
Madhya Pradesh	165.13	217.00	236.04	199.43
Maharashtra	1807.51	1746.61	1558.00	1490.02
Odisha	3.68	3.47	3.86	3.19
Rajasthan	455.77	589.91	535.66	567.18
Tamil Nadu	520.07	427.22	362.04	237.21
Telangana	123.86	155.69	117.07	75.23
Uttar Pradesh	226.63	274.57	269.84	273.42
West Bengal	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.09
Other	4.00	3.25	3.01	2.84
All India	4772.11	4812.07	4150.57	3990.40

*as per 3rd Advance Estimates.

Annexure-I (b)**State wise production of Bajra during the year 2019-20 to 2022-23****(000 tonnes)**

State/ UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
Andhra Pradesh	58.20	70.71	55.40	50.71
Bihar	3.58	4.78	3.29	2.67
Chhattisgarh	0.00	0.02	0.03	0.06
Gujarat	913.15	1008.89	1089.64	1162.36
Haryana	1019.11	1350.14	1119.83	1199.85
Himachal Pradesh	0.11	0.29	0.29	0.28
Karnataka	367.08	275.50	171.38	170.65
Jharkhand	0.20	0.08	0.09	0.13
Kerala				0.02
Madhya Pradesh	656.58	737.71	868.82	946.04
Maharashtra	511.99	656.56	618.72	467.93
Odisha	1.16	0.79	0.96	1.12
Punjab	0.32	0.26	0.76	0.41
Rajasthan	4685.88	4561.47	3739.84	5061.90
Tamil Nadu	185.13	158.89	146.12	117.84
Telangana	10.42	9.30	4.04	2.80
Uttar Pradesh	1939.46	2014.45	1951.18	1970.36
West Bengal	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Other	10.21	13.30	10.21	11.71
All India	10362.60	10863.17	9780.63	11166.87

*as per 3rd Advance Estimates.

Annexure-I (c)**State wise production of Ragi during the year 2019-20 to 2022-23**

State/ UT	(000 tonnes)			
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
Andhra Pradesh	44.88	39.50	31.14	33.01
Bihar	2.19	2.58	2.39	2.37
Chhattisgarh	1.45	1.65	1.01	0.86
Gujarat	10.01	12.62	9.00	8.07
Himachal Pradesh	2.06	0.49	1.06	1.01
Jharkhand	12.76	16.40	16.70	31.95
Karnataka	1164.06	1369.83	1126.87	1060.74
Kerala	0.26	0.33	0.28	0.22
Maharashtra	87.24	93.92	102.63	91.03
Odisha	26.24	32.88	43.65	33.90
Tamil Nadu	274.50	288.64	227.49	209.60
Telangana	3.16	1.34	1.65	1.00
Uttarakhand	120.12	129.85	127.11	114.23
West Bengal	4.17	6.47	6.26	5.78
Other	1.97	1.84	3.87	3.63
All India	1755.06	1998.36	1701.12	1597.40

*as per 3rd Advance Estimates.

Annexure-I (d)**State wise production of Small Millets during the year 2019-20 to 2022-23**

State/ UT	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23*
Andhra Pradesh	22.00	19.01	13.01	7.61
Assam	3.23	3.26	3.20	3.23
Bihar	1.55	1.64	1.28	1.16
Chhattisgarh	19.04	21.83	26.23	21.53
Gujarat	0.16	13.04	22.88	8.75
Himachal Pradesh	4.64	2.34	1.14	1.12
Karnataka	37.49	20.23	23.87	25.26
Kerala	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.05
Madhya Pradesh	74.00	69.42	76.54	130.62
Maharashtra	21.97	16.72	26.03	27.37
Odisha	16.99	18.01	19.61	21.01
Rajasthan	5.24	4.29	4.24	4.49
Tamil Nadu	37.34	30.51	29.83	26.14
Telangana	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
Uttar Pradesh	5.82	9.18	4.63	5.88
Uttarakhand	70.97	71.00	73.27	67.39
West Bengal	5.54	0.38	1.35	1.93
Other	43.09	46.04	40.29	43.54
All India	370.87	346.95	367.44	397.08

*as per 3rd Advance Estimates.
