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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. - 2441
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13/03/2026

SURPLUS PRODUCTION OF WHEAT AND RICE

2441. SHRI P. P. SUNEER:

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that the production of wheat and rice has increased recently and Government is facing surplus situation;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the increase in production is due to the improved productivity or the increased area of cultivation of the food grains, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that the incentive bonus being given to the farmers to increase the production has been stopped by Central Government and States have been asked to discourage farmers to produce food grains?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE FOR AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
(SHRI BHAGIRATH CHOUDHARY)

(a) & (b): The wheat production during 2024-25 is estimated at a record 1179.45 LMT, which is 46.53 LMT higher than the previous year's production of 1132.92 LMT. Similarly, total rice production in 2024-25 is estimated at a record 1501.84 LMT, which is 123.59 LMT higher than the previous year's production of 1378.25 LMT.

The total stock of wheat and rice available in central pool as on 16.02.2026 is 248.27 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) and 352.61 LMT, respectively, against foodgrain stocking norms of 138.00 LMT for wheat and 76.10 LMT for rice.

(c): The increase in the production of both wheat and rice during 2024-25 is attributed to both expanded area coverage and improved productivity during last few years. Also, the increase in production is due to adoption of developed various production and protection technologies to address the challenges of various biotic and abiotic stresses. These include development of high yielding climate resilient varieties, cost effective and efficient pre & post-harvest technologies, etc.

The details of area, production and productivity of wheat and rice during the last 5 years are as under:

Year	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Area in Lakh Ha					
Wheat	311.25	304.59	314.01	318.33	328.04
Rice	457.69	462.79	478.32	478.28	512.67
Production in Lakh Tonnes					
Wheat	1095.86	1077.42	1105.54	1132.92	1179.45
Rice	1243.68	1294.71	1357.55	1378.25	1501.84
Yield in Kg/Ha					
Wheat	3521	3537	3521	3559	3595
Rice	2717	2798	2838	2882	2929

(d): A letter dated 9th January, 2026 was written by the Secretary (Expenditure) to the Chief Secretaries of the States containing certain suggestion for the State Governments to align their bonus policies with national priorities.
