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MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, COOPERATION AND FARMERS WELFARE

**LOK SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.417**  
TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2017

**FOODGRAIN OUTPUT**

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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE †ãøŠääÓã एवं किसान कल्याण ½ãâããè  
be pleased to state:

- (a) whether wheat, pulses and other foodgrains output has been projected to be at an all time high during the crop year 2016-17 due to good monsoon and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of actual output of these crops in the country during the year 2016-17, crop-wise;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to impose higher import duties on wheat so as to discourage its import; and
- (d) whether the country has adequate stocks of wheat to meet its any unforeseeable shortage in the markets in the country?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): As a result of normal monsoon and various policy initiatives taken by the Government, the foodgrain production for the country has been estimated at record 273.38 million tonnes during the year 2016-17 (as per Third Advance Estimates) which is higher by 8.34 million tonnes than the previous record production of foodgrain of 265.04 million tonnes achieved during 2013-14. Further, the production of rice, wheat, coarse cereals and pulses has also been estimated at a new record for 2016-17. The details are as follows:

<b>Crop</b>	<b>Production 2016-17 (million tonnes)</b>
Rice	109.15
Wheat	97.44
Jowar	4.74
Bajra	9.86
Maize	26.14
Coarse Cereals	44.39
Tur	4.60
Gram	9.08
Total Pulses	22.40
Total Foodgrains	273.38

Note: As per Third Advance Estimates for 2016-17

(c): There is no proposal under consideration to impose higher import duty on wheat.

(d): The stock position of wheat in the Central Pool as on 01.07.2017 is 322.75 lakh tonnes against the buffer norms of 275.80 lakh tonnes as on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2017. Hence, the country has adequate stocks of wheat to meet any unforeseen shortage in the markets in the country.

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